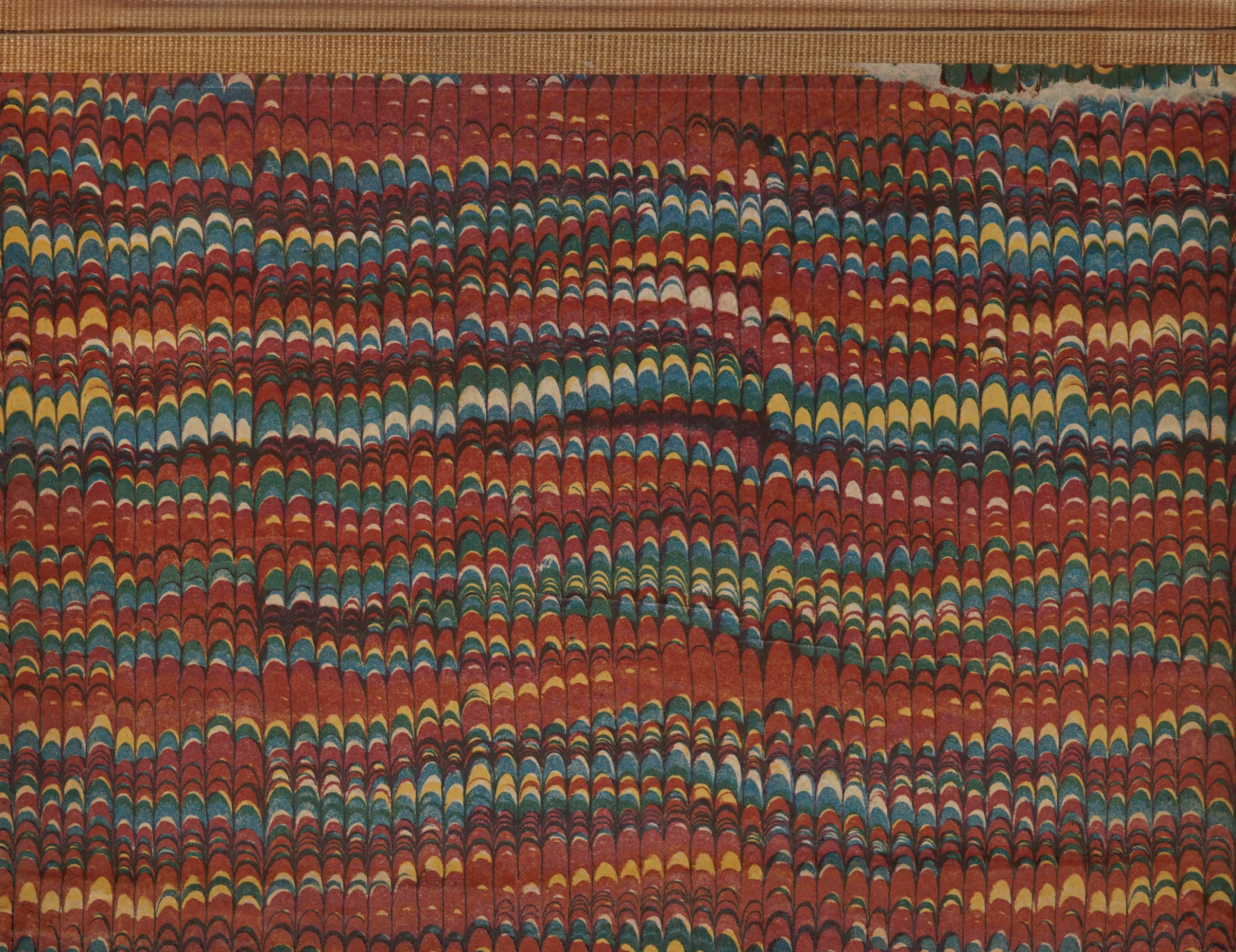

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1923. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in West Falmouth 7th mo. 12th 1923. By reports from our local meetings the Representatives to this meeting are

From Sandwich Annie E. Rose, Mary E. Bowman and Virtue B. Gifford.

From Westport Elizabeth A. Gifford

From New-Bedford Mary E. Howland and Oscar G. Mostrom

From Dartmouth Frank H. Smith, John A. Cornell and Samuel G Gidley who are present with one exception The Reports from our local meetings have been read

The Minutes of our last meeting have been read and approved

The Representatives to the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight report their attendance

The joint Committee on the Subject of Elders of New Bedford monthly meeting have proposed the names of the following Friends, viz. Lydia M. Jenney, Emma M. Almy and Sarah D. Holmes till 1st mo. 1st 1924. George K. Wood, Edward B. Miller and Mary E. Howland, till 1st mo. 1st 1925 and Ida Naye till 1st mo. 1926 all of whom are approved by this meeting and the Clerk is directed to forward the usual notice

The Querries have been read in this meeting.

Ministers present are Carolena Wood from New-York Yearly Meeting, Oscar G. Mostrom and Herbert W. Wood

No other business coming before us we adjourn to meet in Sandwich at the usual time in 10th Mo. next the Lord permitting.

Samuel G. Gidley, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Sandwich 10th Mo. 11th 1923. By reports from our local meetings the Representatives to this meeting are

From New Bedford Alvano C. Goddard and Oscar G. Mostrom

From Sandwich Annie E. Rose, Lois H. Bowerman and Virtue B. Gifford

From Westport Annie M. Cook

From Dartmouth Mary P. Gifford, Laura M. Gidley, Eleanor M. Howland and Lucy P. Gifford who are present with 3 exceptions

The Reports from our local meetings have been read.

The Minutes of our last meeting have been read and approved.

New Bedford local meeting on Ministry and

Oversight held in New Bedford 9th mo. 27th 1923 requests Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to consider at its next regular Session the advisability of holding all of its regular sessions on the day of Quarterly meeting. This meeting approves of the request and decides to hereafter hold all Sessions of Sandwich Quarterly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight on the day of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting at 10 o'clock a.m.. Oscar G. Mostrom and George R. Wood were appointed a Committee to bring forward at our next meeting the Name of a Friend to serve this meeting as Clerk the coming year

Thomas Wood from Dorchester Mass. came to us with a Concern for our meeting which was listened to with marked attention.

Ministers present are O. Herschel Folger from Lynn, Charles W. Mesner, Fall-River Herbert W. Wood and Oscar G. Mostrom.

No further business coming before us we adjourn to meet in New Bedford at the specified time in 1st mo. next the Lord permitting.

Samuel G. Gidley Clerk

1924 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministery and Oversight held in New Bedford 1st Mo. 10th 1924. By Reports from our local meetings the Representatives to this meeting are
From Westport: Hannah S. Macomber
From Dartmouth: Frank H. Smith, Eleanor M. Howland and Laura M. Gidley
From Sandwich: Lewis H. Bowerman and Annie E. Rose
From New Bedford: Emma M. Almy and Ester R. Pierce
who are present with one exception for whom a reason for absence is given.

The Reports from our local meetings have been read including a Report on the Spiritual Condition of Dartmouth Meetings, and Verbal Reports were given Concerning Sandwich, New-Bedford, and Westport meetings.

At this period in our Meeting Charles Replogle a Minister, and General Superintendent of Nebraska Yearly Meeting — who is present with his wife Mary, also a Minister — gave us a brief but helpful address.

The Minutes of our last meeting were read, corrected, and approved. The Committee appointed at our last meeting to bring forward the Name of a Friend to serve this meeting as Clerk for the Ensuing year not being prepaired to report action is deferred until our next meeting.

Other Ministers present are Lorano C. Goddard, Charles W. Mesner, Oscar G. Mostrom and Thomas S. Sayer a Baptist Minister who has been supplying at Allens Neck.

The Querries were not read in this meeting.

No further business coming before us we adjourn to meet in New Bedford at the appointed time in 4th mo. next the Lord permitting.

Samuel G. Gidley, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford 4th mo. 10th 1924.

By Reports from our local meetings the Representatives to this meeting are:

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose, Mary E. Bowman and Virtue B. Gifford

From Westport: Elizabeth A. Gifford

From New Bedford: George K. Wood and Cynthia Kirby

From Dartmouth: Frank H. Smith, Harry R. Sherman, Eleanor M. Howland and Laura M. Gidley who are present with one exception, for whom a reason for absence is given.

The Reports from our local meetings with Summaries on the State of Society of Dartmouth and New Bedford Monthly meetings have been read, and a Verbal

Report of Sandwich meeting was given by Oscar G. Mostrom. The Minutes of our last meeting have been read and approved. The Committee on Clerk presented the name of Samuel G. Gidley, which was approved by this Meeting and he is appointed to that Station for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

Westport Monthly Meeting proposes Elizabeth A. Gifford as an Elder for the three years next ensuing. Dartmouth Monthly Meeting presents for approval the names of Eleanor M. Holland, Samuel G. Gidley and Mary A. Gifford as Elders for three years. New Bedford Monthly Meeting proposes Lydia M. Penney, Emma N. Almy, and Sarah D. Holmes for the Station of Elders until 1st mo. 1st 1925. all of whom are approved by this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward the usual notices.

The Querries have been read and considered in this meeting.

Henry J. Cadbury from Harvard University, Cambridge, with his wife are with us to day. Mrs. Cadbury gave us a very interesting account of an "Independent Friends Meeting" in Cambridge in which they and others were interested.

Ministers present are Charles W. Mesner, Oscar G. Mostrom, Alvano C. Goddard and Thomas S. Sayer, Baptist. Business being concluded we adjourn to meet in West Falmouth at the usual time in 7th mo. next the Lord permitting. Samuel G. Gidley, Clerk.

Yearly Meeting of Friends Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in West Falmouth 7th mo. 10th 1924.

By Reports from our local meetings the Representatives to this meeting are

From New Bedford: Mary E. Howland and Oscar G. Mostrom

From Dartmouth: Harry R. Sherman, Samuel G. Gidley and Eleanor N. Howland

From Westport: Hannah L. Macomber

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose and Lois H. Bowerman

who are present with two exceptions.

The Reports from our local meetings have been read including reports of New Bedford Long Plain and Mattapoisett meetings.

The Minutes of our last meeting have been read and approved.

The Querries have been read in this meeting.

Ministers present are Oscar G. Mostrom, Alvano C. Goddard and Charles W. Mesner.

The business of the meeting being finished we adjourn purposing to meet in Sandwich at the usual time in 10th mo. next, Providence permitting

Samuel G. Gidley, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held in Sandwich 10th mo. 9th 1924.

By Reports from our local meetings the Representatives to this meeting are

From Westport: Hannah S. Macomber

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose, Lois H. Bowerman and Virtue B. Gifford

From New Bedford: Oscar G. Mostrom and Harriet S. Davis

From Dartmouth: Eleanor M. Howland, Laura M. Gidley and Harry K. Sherman

who are all present

The Reports from our local meetings have been read.

Encouraging Verbal Reports on the State of Society have been given for the following meetings viz. New Bedford, Mattapoisett, Sandwich, Westport, Smith's Neck, Allen's Neck, and West Falmouth.

The Minutes of our last meeting have been read and approved

The Querries have been read in this meeting. Ministers present are Elam Henderson from Toronto Canada, Oscar G. Mostrom, Alvano C. Goddard, and Thomas S. Sayer, Baptist.

The business of the meeting being finished, we adjourn to meet in New Bedford at the usual time in 1st mo. 1925, should the Lord permit

Samuel G. Gidley, Clerk.

1925

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of
Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford
1st mo. 8th 1925.

By Reports from two local Meetings
the Representatives to this Meeting are
From Westport: Elizabeth A. Gifford
From Dartmouth: Frank E. Smith, Laura M. Gidley
and Eleanor K. Howland
No Report received from either Sandwich or New Bedford
local Meetings. The Representatives are present with
two exceptions for whom reasons for absence are given.

The Reports from the local meetings heard from have
been read including a Summary on the state of Society of
Dartmouth local Meetings from Lucy G. Gifford, Clerk
of Dartmouth local meeting on Ministry and Oversight,
as reported to her. Oscar G. Mostrom gave Verbal Reports
concerning New Bedford and Sandwich Meetings.

The Minutes of our last Meeting have been read and approved
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting presents the names of the
following Friends for the Station of Elders for three years
viz: Betsey Priaulx, Laura M. Gidley and Hannah
G. Sherman; Who are approved by this meeting and the
Clerk is requested to forward the usual notice.

The Queries have been read and time given for care-
ful consideration of them. Ministers present are
Bertha V. Smith Allens Neck, Charles W. Mesner Fall River
Alvano C. Goddard and Oscar G. Mostrom. The business
of the meeting being finished we adjourn purposing to meet in New-
Bedford at the usual time in 4th mo. next the Lord permitting.

Samuel G. Gidley, Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New-Bedford 4th mo. 6th 1925.

By Reports from our local Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are From Westport: Hannah S. Macomber From New Bedford; Alvano C. Goddard & Mary E. Howland From Sandwich: Virtue B. Gifford & Annie E. Rose From Dartmouth. Mary P. Gifford, Laura M. Gidley and Eleanor M. Howland Who are present with one exception for whom reasons for absence have been given

The Reports from our local meetings have been read also a Summary on the State Society of the Dartmouth meetings; Verbal Reports were given concerning the other meetings, all having an encouraging note.

The Minutes of our last Meeting have been read & approved The time for which the Clerk was elected having Expired, a motion that the present Clerk continue to fill the Station for the remainder of the year; was approved by the meeting. We appoint as our Representatives to the N. E. Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight; to be held in Providence R. I. in 6th Mo Next Edward L. Macomber, Bertha V. Smith, Annie M. Goddard Annie E. Rose and Oscar G. Mostrom. The Queries have been read and considered in this meeting.

William J. Rose read the 84th Psalm. Ministers present are D. Elton Trueblood of Boston, Elam Henderson of Toronto, Canada, Chas. W. Mesner of Fall-River, Bertha V. Smith Oscar G. Mostrom and Alvano C. Goddard No further business coming before us we adjourn purposing to meet in West-Falmouth in 7th Mo. Next. Providence permitting Samuel G. Gidley Clerk

9th Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in West Falmouth 7th mo. 9th 1925.

The reports from our local meetings & Representatives to this meeting are:

		From
Sandwich:	Annie E. Kay, Lois K. Sherman and Virtue B. Gifford	" "
New Bedford:	Oscar G. Mostrom and Mary C. Rowland	" "
Westport:	Hannah S. Macomber	" "
Dartmouth:	Frank H. Smith, Laura B. Gifford and Hannah E. Smith	who are

all present.

The Reports from the local meetings have been read. A Summary on the State of Society of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, prepaired for Lucy G. Gifford from reports furnished her; has also been read. Verbal Reports were given by Oscar G. Mostrom concerning New Bedford, Mattapoisett, and Long Plain Meetings. An interesting account of the building up of the Sandwich Bible School was given by Wm. J. Rose.

The Minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

The Representatives appointed at our last meeting to attend the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Providence R. I. in 6th mo. all report their attendance.

Westport Monthly Meeting proposes the name of Hannah C. Macomber as an Elder for three years, who is approved by this meeting and the Clerk is requested to forward the usual notice.

The Queries have been read and considered in this meeting.

Helpful remarks were made during the Meeting by Alvano C. Goddard of New Bedford, Thomas P. Battey of Providence R.I. and others.

Wm. J. Rose read the 46th Psalm.

Ministers present are Thomas P. Battey of Providence R.I. Monthly Meeting
H. Alma Swift Smith East Monthly Meeting, Jamaica.
Daniel L. Brock of Central Village Westport Mo. Mtg.
Bertha L. Smith Pastor of Pine Creek Meeting
Oscar G. Mostrom of Wareham Mass. and
Alvano C. Goddard of New Bedford

No further business coming before us we adjourn, purposing to meet in Sandwich at the usual time in 10th month next - the Lord permitting.

Samuel G. Gidley Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Sandwich 10th mo. 8th 1925.

By Reports from our local meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are: From Sandwich: Virtue B. Gifford, Annie E. Rose and Albert S. Bowerman
From Westport: Hannah S. Macomber & Elizabeth A. Gifford
From New Bedford: Lydia M. Jenney & Mary E. Howland
From Dartmouth: Bertha C. Smith, Laura M. Gidley Lucy J. Gifford & Eleanor M. Howland
Who are present with one Exception for whom reasons for absence have been given.

The Reports from our Local Meetings have been read including a Summary on the State of Society of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting.

Verbal Reports concerning New Bedford and Mattapoisett Meetings were given by Oscar G. Mostrom and in relation to Sandwich Bible School by William J. Rose

The Minutes of the last Meeting have been read and approved. The Querries were not read in this meeting

We appoint Lucy J. Gifford, Lois Bowerman and Mary E. Howland a Committee to bring forward at our next meeting the Name of a Friend to serve this meeting as Clerk for the Ensuing year or until another appointment.

Ministers present are Bertha V. Smith, Allen's Neck, Oscar G. Mostrom, Wareham Elam Henderson, West Falmouth and Alvano C. Goddard New Bedford.

No other business coming before us we adjourn purposing to meet in New Bedford at the usual time in 1st Mo. 1926. Providence permitting,

Samuel G. Gidley
Clerk

1926 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford 1st mo. 14th 1926.

By Reports from our local meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are from New Bedford: Mary E. Howland and Edward B. Hiller
From Dartmouth: Bertha V. Smith, Eleanor M. Howland & Laura M. Gidley
From Westport: Elizabeth A. Gifford
From Sandwich: Mary E. Bowman, Annie E. Rose and Lois H. Bowerman: Who are present with one Exception for whom reasons for absence have been given

The Reports from our Local Meetings have been read as also a minute

on the State of Society of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. Interesting and encouraging Verbal Reports were given by Wm. P. Rose and Oscar G. Mostrom concerning Sandwich Meeting, Bible School, and Christmas Celebrations at Sandwich and New Bedford Meeting houses at the latter a group gathered and sang Christmas Carrolls which were much enjoyed.

The Minutes of the last Meeting have been read and approved.

The Committee apponted at our last meeting to bring forward the Name of a Friend to serve this meeting as Clerk are united in proposing the name of Samuel G. Gidley. Who is approved by this meeting to that Service for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting presents the following named Friends for approval to the Station of Elders for 3 years, viz. Sarah F. Potter, Lillian A. Sherman and Harry W. Allen.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting are united in proposing the following Friends for approval as Elders of their Meeting viz: For one year, term expiring 1st mo. 1927. Edward B. Keller, George R. Wood Harriet S. Davis. For two years, term expiring 1st mo. 1928, Lydia M. Janney Mary E. Haviland, Elizabeth T. Price. For three years, term expiring 1st mo. 1729. Emma M. Almy. Adelaide V. Wilbur Ida F.

Nye. all of whom are approved by this meeting and the Clerk is requested to forward the usual notice.

This Meeting unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in its Memorial of our beloved member. Cynthia A. Kirby and instructs the Clerk to place the same upon the Records of this Meeting.

Memorial.

"Cynthia A. Kirby a beloved member and Elder in this Meeting has been removed by death since we last met. She was a consistent Christian. Her sunny and happy disposition was remarkable. Her life and loyalty to this meeting is an inspiration to us all"—

The Querries have been read in this meeting.

Ministers present are Frank E. Jones. Swansea Mass. of R. I. Quarterly Meeting, Elam Henderson. West Falmouth; Bertha V. Smith, Allens Neck Alvano C. Goddard New Bedford and Oscar S. Mosborn Wareham.

The business of the Meeting being finished we adjourn, purposing to meet in New Bedford at the usual time in 4th Mo. next the Lord permitting.

Samuel G. Gidley
Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford 4th mo. 8th 1926.

By Reports from our local meetings the Representatives to this meeting are
From Westport: Elizabeth A. Gifford
From Dartmouth: Lillian A. Sherman, Laura M. Gidley and Eleanor M. Howland
From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose, Lois H. Bowerman and Albert S. Bowerman
From New Bedford; Sarah D. Holmes and Elizabeth T. Price who are present with two exceptions for one of whom reasons for absence have been assigned.

The Reports from our Local Meetings have been read as also a Summary on the State of Society of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. Verbal Reports by Oscar G. Mostrom were given concerning New Bedford, East ~~Fairhaven~~, Mattapoisett and Sandwich.

Alvano C. Goddard Spake to us concerning the building up of the Churches.

The Minutes of our last Meeting have been read, corrected and approved

We appoint as our Representatives to the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Winthrop Maine in 6th mo next, Alvano C. Goddard, Oscar G. Mostrom, Bertha V. Smith, Annie E. Rose and Edward L. Macomber.

The Querries have been read in this meeting.

Ministers present are Edgar H. Stranahan from Oskaloosa Iowa who opened this meeting by prayer, Alvano C. Goddard of New Bedford Bertha V. Smith, Allens Neck. and Oscar G. Mostrom Wareham

No further business coming before us we adjourn purposing to meet in West Falmouth at the usual time in 7th mo. next the Lord permitting.

Samuel G. Gidley
Clerk.

- Summaries. -

"The following is a Summary of the State of Society in New Bedford Monthly Meeting. All meetings have been held at the appointed time and place regularly; except at Long Plain and Acushnet. Long Plain meeting house remains closed Except for the business Session held there in Seventh Mo. Acushnet Friends have meetings for worship during the larger part of the year. At Mattapoisett the Bible School has an average attendance of about 40. Meetings for worship are held Each First Day, and during the year a larger number of people from the lower village have been present, but think we have no gains in this respect among our own members. At New-Bedford the regular attendance has been some-what less; we look and hope for a general improve-ment. We have had the privilege of cooperating

with the other Churches in various things during the year. During the last week of the so called Lent Season, meetings were held each day at Noon, and a large number of people had the opportunity of listening to Dr. Barton as he gave the Message. During the past year one of our Ministers has had the opportunity of visiting more among the people, especially the sick, in the homes and hospitals. We look and pray for better things this coming year —.

Oscar S. Mastrom
Clerk "

A true copy; Attest: S. G. Gidley clerk.

Reports on the State of Society show that the House at Apponegansett has been closed for the past three months. At Smiths Neck First Day morning meetings have been held regularly with Norman Bailey as helper. The attendance through the winter months has not been quite so large but is increasing again. They have been holding Cottage meetings First Day evenings. They have One new member —

At Allens Neck meetings have been regularly held with three exceptions in the Evening Meeting. The average attendance for the morning meeting has been 48 and 13 for the evening. The Pastor, Bertha V. Smith has been visiting families, and having prayer and Bible reading in homes where there was opportunity. Taken from the Minutes of Dartmouth Local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Apponegansett 3 mo. 24th 1926.

Lucy J. Gifford
Clerk

A true Copy; Attest: S. G. Gidley Clerk

In response to your request for something about the Sandwich Meeting, I give you this.
We have three meetings on the Sabbath, Bible School at 10 a.m. and meetings for Worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Bible School started on the first Sabbath of March last year with 16 pupils. There are now slightly over 40 enrolled, about a dozen of this number being children who spend the Summer here. In addition we often have visitors both adults and young people.

There are no classes in our School, but all the pupils - from Six to sixteen years of age - study together. This adds to the interest. We are now studying the Gospels and have about completed Matthew. Each child reads aloud from the Bible at every Session. During the winter we hold school in the Meeting room where a large open fire adds to the cheerfulness; but when the warm weather comes we go up Stairs to the room used for lunch at Quarterly Meeting. We find the tables very convenient for the note books, in which the children enjoy writing and drawing.

Annie and I, the only Friends living here, are usually alone at our Morning meeting for Worship; but occasionally others meet with us, to our great joy.

Oscar G. Mostrom attends the Evening Meeting, and Some of the neighbors come and worship with us at that time

Sincerely
Wm. J. Rose

A true Copy
Attest: Ella L. Eichley, Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in West Falmouth 7th mo. 6th 1926.

By Reports from our local meetings the Representatives to this meeting are From Westport; Hannah S. Makemson
From New Bedford: Alvan C. Goddard and Oscar G. Mostrom
From Dartmouth: Laura N. Tribble, Mary S. Gifford and Elmer E. Rowland — who are present with two exceptions
From Sandwich: No Report or Representatives as the Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for this quarter was not held.

The Reports from the Local Meetings have been read also a Summary on the State of Society of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting have been read, corrected, and approved.

The recorded Summaries on the State of Society have also been read

The Representatives appointed at our last Meeting to attend the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends on Ministry and Oversight held in Winthrop Maine in 6th mo. report their attendance with two exceptions.

Westport Monthly Meeting proposes Annie M. Cook as an Elder for three years, and she is approved

by this Meeting to that Station. The Queries have been read and considered in this Meeting.

Following the reading of the Queries Oscar C. Mostrom offered prayer.

Ministers present are Elam Henderson, Elihu Grant and Oscar C. Mostrom

No further business coming before us we adjourn for a sitting to meet in Sandwich at the usual time in 10th mo. next Providence permitting.

Samuel G. Gidley, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in Sandwich 10th mo. 14th 1926.

By Reports from our local Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are.

From Westport: Edward L. Macomber

" Dartmouth: Lillian A. Sherman Laura M. Gidley and Eleanor M. Howland

" New Bedford: Mary E. Howland and Edward B. Miller

" Sandwich: Annie C. Rose and Virtue B. Gifford, Who are all present.

The Reports from our local Meetings have been read as also a Summary on the State of Society of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting by Lucy P. Gifford, Clerk of Dartmouth Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

William J. Rose spoke concerning the two weeks Vacation Bible School held at Sandwich this summer. He was followed by Alvano C. Goddard, with remarks on various phases of Evangelism and outlining plans for future Service. The Minutes of our last Meeting have been read and approved.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting. We appoint Oscar G. Mostrom, Charles T. Gifford and William J. Rose a Committee to bring forward at our Next Meeting the name of a Friend, to serve this Meeting as Clerk for the coming year, or until another appointment.

Ministers present are Bertha V. Smith from Dartmouth; Oscar G. Mostrom, Wareham and Alvano C. Goddard, New Bedford.

No other business coming before us we adjourn purposing to meet in New Bedford at the usual time in 1st Mo. 1927, Providence Meeting.

Samuel G. Gidley
Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford 1st Mo. 15th 1927. By reports from our Local Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting are From New Bedford: Mary E. Rowland & Ida J. Neye From Westport Elizabeth A. Gifford

From Sandwich: Mary C. Bowman, Annie E. Rose and Lois H. Boyer-mass
From Dartmouth: Mary S. Gifford, Harry W. Allen and John H. Cornell; Who are present with 3 Excuses for all reasons for absence have been given
The Reports from our Local Meetings have been read as also a Summary on the State of Society of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting by Lucy S. Gifford Clerk of Dartmouth Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.
William J. Rose Spoke concerning the Christmas celebration at Sandwich and also the Bible School they have there
Alvano C. Goddard made remarks concerning Bible School work
The Minutes of our last Meeting have been read and approved.
The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to bring forward the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as Clerk for the ensuing year or until another appointment, report the name of Edward L. Macomber who is approved by this Meeting to that service.
By request of the Clerk Elect the present incumbent consented to continue in service until the duties of this Meeting are completed.
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends presents for our approval the names of Eleanor M.

Howland, Samuel G. Gidley and Mary P. Gifford for the Station of Elders for three years. New Bedford Monthly Meeting is united in proposing the following Friends as Elders of the Meeting for three years — term expiring 1st mo. 1930 — viz. Edward B. Hiller, George R. Wood and Harriet S. Davis; Who are all approved by this Meeting and the Clerk is requested to forward the usual Notice to the Meetings.

The Querries have been read in this Meeting.

Ministers present are Charles P. Replogle Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, Winthrop Maine; Bertha V. Smith Dartmouth Alvan O. Goddard New Bedford and Oscar G. Mostrom Wareham

No further business coming before us we adjourn purposing to meet in New Bedford at the usual time in 4th mo. 1927, Providence permitting.

Samuel G. Gidley
Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford Fourth Month 14th 1927.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford, Oscar G. Mostrom and Mary E. Howland.

From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose, Albert S. Bowerman and Virtue B. Gifford.
From Dartmouth, Ella A. Gifford, Samuel G. Gidley and Eleanor M. Howland.
From Westport, Elizabeth A. Gifford.
who are present except four, for one of whom a reason is assigned.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, to be held in Providence, R.I., Emma M. Almy, Lois H. Bowerman, and Bertha V. Smith.

Westport Monthly Meeting presents for our approval the name of Elizabeth A. Gifford as an elder for the three years ensuing, which nomination is approved by this meeting and the clerk is directed to inform them of our action.

A report on the spiritual condition in New Bedford Monthly Meeting has been received.

Our Clerk is directed to send the following message of sympathy to Samuel G. Gidley:

This meeting is brought into deep sympathy for our former Clerk, Samuel G. Gidley, on account of the sudden removal by death of his wife, Laura M. Gidley, an elder and devoted member of this meeting. In this season of bereavement we commend our brother to the care of him who is able to make

all things work together for good and trust that his affliction may work a far mor exceeding and eternal weight of glory as he looks beyond the seen and temporal to the unseen and eternal.

Charles Replogle, Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting, brought a message of encouragement and urged us to put first things first.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at West Falmouth in Seventh month next.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth on Seventh Month 14, 1927.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford, Edward B. Hiller and Mary E. Howland

From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose, Albert S. Bowerman, and Virtue B. Gifford.

From Dartmouth, Lillian A. Sherman, Eleanor M. Howland and Samuel G. Gidley.

From Westport, Edward L. Macomber, who are present, with one exception.

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report that all attended.

A letter from Samuel G. Gidley, replying to our message of sympathy, was read.

Charles Replogle, Field Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting, was present and expressed a concern that meetings on Ministry and Oversight be continued along the lines originally planned, and that Elders and Overseers should faithfully perform the duties imposed upon them by our discipline

The business of the meeting being concluded, we adjourn, purposing to meet at Sandwich in Tenth month next.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich on Tenth Month 13, 1927.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford, Ida J. Nye and Mary E. Howland.

From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose and Albert S. Bowerman.

From Dartmouth, Eleanor M. Howland, Samuel G. Gidley and Harry W. Allen.
From Westport, Annie M. Cook
who are present, except four, probably on account of the severe rain storm.
The queries have been read at this time.
We appoint Lois H. Bowerman, Annie M. Cook, and Sarah D. Holmes to bring forward at our next meeting the name of a Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the coming year.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet in New Bedford at the usual time in First Month next.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford First Mo. 12, 1928.
The Clerk being absent Oscar G. Mostrom was appointed Clerk for the day.
Minutes of last meeting have been read and approved.
By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:
From New Bedford, Edward B. Hiller and George R. Wood.

From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose and Lois H. Bowerman,
From Dartmouth, Ella A. Gifford, Frank H. Smith and John A. Cornell.
From Westport Elizabeth A. Gifford, who are present except three.

An interesting summary of the work in Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has been read, we are glad to have it, and to note progress and increasing interest in the work.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting presents the following names for elders, Betsey Priault, Hannah G. Sherman and John A. Cornell.

These names are approved by this meeting and the clerk is directed to inform Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of our action.

The queries have been read at this time.

A nominating committee has brought in the name of Edward L. Macomber for clerk, with which this meeting unites and he is accordingly appointed to that station for one year or until another appointment.

The attitude of Friends in regard to capital punishment and the reduction of armaments has been presented by Alvano C. Goddard in a clear and convincing manner, and we hope the matter may come up again in the later session of the Quarterly Meeting.

No further business coming before us we adjourn, proposing to meet at New Bedford in Fourth Month, if the Lord permit.

Oscar F. Morton, Clerk for the day.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford Fourth Month 12th, 1928.

The Records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford Mary C. Howland and Sarah D. Holmes.

From Sandwich, Albert S. Bowerman and Annie C. Rose.

From Dartmouth Eleanor W. Howland Ella A. Gifford and Samuel T. Gedney.

From Westport Annie M. Cook. All who are present with four exceptions

The queries were read.

We are favored at this time with the presence of Leslie J. Barrett of Worcester, Mass. whose words of helpful encouragement and advice to the Elders and Overseers are much appreciated.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Oscar G. Mostrom, Edward L. Macomber, Alvano C. Goddard, Bertha V. Smith and Sarah D. Holmes.

Westport Monthly Meeting presents for our approval the name of Hattie F. Macomber as an elder for the

three years ensuing.

Sandwich Monthly Meeting presents for our approval the name of William J. Rose as an elder for the three years ensuing.

This meeting approves both of the foregoing nominations and the clerk is directed to inform their respective meetings of our action.

No other business coming before us we conclude, purposing to meet at West Falmouth in Eleventh Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth Seventh Month 12th 1928.

Records of preceding meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from monthly meetings, the following friends serve as representatives:

From Sandwich, William J. Rose, Lois H. Bowerman, Virtue B. Gifford.

From Dartmouth, Samuel G. Gidley, Frank H. Smith, Eleanor M. Howland.

From Westport, Annie M. Cook.

From New Bedford, Oscar G. Mostrom, Edward

B. Hiller, who are present except four.
The "Queries" have been read.
Helpful comments on the queries and on Christian conduct were offered by William J. Rose and Alvano C. Goddard.

No further business coming before us, we adjourn, proposing to meet at Sandwich in the Tenth Month if the Lord permit.

Oscar L. Preston Clerk for the day.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich, Tenth month 11th, 1928.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford, Emma M. Almy and Joseph L. Hiller,

From Sandwich, Albert S. Bowerman, Annie E. Rose, and Virtue B. Gifford.

From Dartmouth, John A. Cornell and Lillian A. Sherman.

From Westport, Hattie F. Macomber.

Who are all present.

The queries were read.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report that they attended, with three exceptions.

We appoint Alvano C. Goddard, John A. Cornell and Lois Bowerman as a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

James A. Coney of Lynn, Chairman of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee of New England Yearly Meeting was present and brought to us a helpful and encouraging message. Remarks were also made by William J. Rose, Alvano C. Goddard and Bertha V. Smith.

No other business coming before us, we conclude proposing to meet at New Bedford in First Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford First Month 12th 1929.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich, William J. Rose, Albert S. Bowerman and Virtue B. Gifford.

From Westport, Annie M. Cook.

From Dartmouth, Ella A. Gifford, Eleanor M. Howland and Samuel G. Gidley.

From New Bedford, Sarah D. Holmes, and Alvano C. Goddard,

who are present, except four, for one of whom a reason was assigned.

The committee appointed to propose the name of some friend to serve as clerk of this meeting are united in proposing the name of Edward L. Macomber and he is accordingly appointed to serve in that capacity for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the following named friends to serve as elders of that meeting: Harry W. Allen, Lillian A. Sherman and Sarah F. Potter, with which this meeting unites and the Clerk is directed to inform Dart-

mouth Monthly Meeting of our action.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting has presented for approval the names of Adelaide V. Wilbur, Emma M. Almy, and Ida J. Nye as elders of that meeting for the three year period beginning First Month, 1929, which is satisfactory to this meeting and the Clerk is directed to inform New Bedford Monthly Meeting of our action.

An interesting and encouraging report from Dartmouth Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was read.

Verbal reports by attending friends were given from New Bedford, Westport and Sandwich.

Our friend, Moses Bailey, was present and brought a helpful message.

The date of holding the Quarterly Meeting having been changed to the second Seventh day in First and Fourth months, this meeting will be held on the morning of the same days.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at New Bedford in Fourth month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber,
Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford Fourth Month 13, 1929.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose, Lois H. Bowerman and Albert S. Bowerman.

From Westport, Hattie F. Macomber.

From Dartmouth, Harry W. Allen, Samuel G. Gidley and Eleanor M. Howland.

From New Bedford, Elizabeth T. Price and Joseph L. Hiller,

who are present except six, for the absence of two of whom reasons were assigned.

The queries have been read.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Anstie E. Rose, Bertha V. Smith, Sarah D. Holmes, and Edward L. Macomber.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet in West Falmouth on the day of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in Seventh Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber,
Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth, Seventh Month 13, 1929.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth, Lillian A. Sherman, Annie D. Cornell, Frank H. Smith and Hannah S. Smith,

From New Bedford, Oscar G. Mostrom and Edward B. Hiller,

From Westport, Annie M. Cook.

From Sandwich, Albert S. Bowerman, Annie E. Rose, and Virtue B. Gifford,

who are present, except three.

The queries were read.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report that they attended, with one exception.

Westport Monthly Meeting has presented for our approval the following nominations for Elders of that meeting: Annie M. Cook for three years, and Jennie Davis for one year, which is united with by this meeting and the Clerk is directed to inform the local meeting of our action.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at Sandwich in Tenth Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich, Tenth Month 12th 1929.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford, Mary E. Howland and Joseph L. Hiller

From Sandwich, Lois H. Bowerman, Annie E. Rose, and Virtue B. Gifford

From Dartmouth, Lillian A. Sherman, Annie D. Cornell and Harry W. Allen.

From Westport, Jennie Davis, who are present except one, for the absence of whom reason was assigned.

The queries have been read.

Oscar G. Mostrom gave a very interesting account of the anniversary exercises recently held at Durham, Maine.

We appoint Mary E. Howland and Joseph L. Hiller as a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some friend to serve as clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at New Bedford in First Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford First Month 11th 1930.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the Representatives to this meeting are as follows;

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose, and Albert S. Bowerman.

From New Bedford: Sarah D. Holmes and Joseph L. Hiller.

From Dartmouth: Frank H. Smith, John A. Cornell, and Lillian A. Sherman.

From Westport: Hattie F. Macomber, who are present with three exceptions, for the absence of one of whom a reason was assigned.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting has presented for our approval the following friends as Elders for the three years beginning First Month 1930: George R. Wood, Edward B. Hiller, and Sarah D. Holmes; and Bertha A. Mostrom for the unexpired term of Adelaide V. Wilbur, deceased, which term expires First Month 1932, — which is united with, and the Clerk is directed to inform New Bedford Monthly Meeting of our action.

The committee appointed to propose the name of some friend to serve as Clerk

of this meeting are united in proposing the name of Edward L. Macomber and he is accordingly appointed to serve in that capacity for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

An interesting report from Dartmouth Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was read and verbal reports were given of the work in other localities.

The meeting discussed possible openings for service, particularly at Acushnet and Bliss Corner.

No other business coming before us, we conclude proposing to meet at New Bedford in Fourth Month next, Providence permitting

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held in New Bedford, Fourth Month 12th 1930;

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows;

From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose and Lois H. Bowerman.

From New Bedford, Alvano C. Goddard

and Joseph L. Hiller;

From Dartmouth, Harry W. Allen, Annie D. Cornell, and Mary I. Gifford;

From Westport, Jennie Davis;

who are present, except two.

The queries were read at this time.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting proposes the names of the following friends as Elders of that meeting for three years, namely: Samuel G. Gidley, Eleanor M. Howland, and Mary I. Gifford.

Westport Monthly Meeting proposes the name of Jennie Davis as an Elder of that meeting for three years.

All the above nominations are approved and the Clerk is directed to inform their respective meetings of our action.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight,

Bertha A. Mosstom and Alvano C. Goddard.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at West Falmouth in Seventh Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth, Seventh Month 12th 1930.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth, Frank H. Smith and Annie D. Cornell.

From New Bedford, Oscar G. Mostrom and Mary E. Howland.

From Westport, Jennie Davis.

From Sandwich, Albert S. Bowerman.

who are all present.

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report that they attended with one exception.

The queries were read.

James Coney, Evangelistic Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting was present and urged that we all engage more definitely in the work of winning souls to Jesus Christ and our Church.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at Sandwich in Tenth month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich Tenth Month 11th 1930.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth: Harry W. Allen and John A. Cornell

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose and Albert S. Bowerman

From Westport: Annie M. Cook

From New Bedford: Mary E. Howland and Oscar G. Mostrum.

who are present, except one for whose absence a reason was assigned.

James A. Coney was present and announced the workers conference to be held in New Bedford, urging those present to engage in prayer for the success of its sessions.

We appoint Annie E. Rose and George R. Wood as a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford in First month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, First Month 10th 1931.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Lois H. Bowerman and Annie E. Rose

From Westport: Annie M. Cook

From Dartmouth: John A. Cornell, Mary J. Gifford, and Lucy J. Gifford.

From New Bedford: Joseph L. Hiller and Bertha A. Mostrom

who are present, except one, for whose absence reason was assigned.

The committee appointed to propose the name of some friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting are united in proposing the name of Edward L. Macomber and he is accordingly appointed to serve in that capacity for one year or until another appointment.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the following named friends to serve as Elders of that meeting for the term of three years: Betsey Briault, John A. Cornell, and Ella A. Gifford, with

which this meeting unites and the Clerk is directed to inform Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of our action.

The queries were read.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet again at New Bedford at the usual time in Fourth Month next.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford Fourth Month 11th, 1931.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth: John A. Cornell, Mary I. Gifford, and Ella A. Gifford,

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose and Albert S. Bowerman,

From Westport: Hattie F. Macomber,

From New Bedford: Joseph L. Hiller and Mary E. Howland,

who are present, except one.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the following named friends

to serve as Elders of that meeting for the term of three years, viz: Mary E. Howland, Lydia M. Jenney and Joseph L. Hiller.

Westport Monthly Meeting has proposed the name of Hattie F. Macomber as an Elder of that meeting for the term of three years.

All the above nominations for Elders are united with and the Clerk is instructed to notify the respective meetings of our action.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Joseph L. Hiller and Edward L. Macomber.

The queries were read.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at West Falmouth in Seventh Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth, Seventh Month 11th 1931.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows;

From Dartmouth, John A. Cornell, Harry W. Allen and Lillian Sherman.

From Sandwich, Albert S. Bowerman and Virtue B. Gifford.
From Westport, Jennie Davis.
From New Bedford, Mary E. Howland and Bertha A. Mostrom,
who are present, with two exceptions.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report that both attended.

The queries were read.

We have received at this time a proposal from New Bedford (Local) Meeting on Ministry and Oversight relative to the acknowledgement of Rachel Mostrom as a minister of our society, and the subject is referred to the following committee, viz: Edward L. Macomber, Sarah D. Holmes, Lillian A. Sherman, Joseph L. Hiller and Albert S. Bowerman.

We are pleased to have with us at this time Eloise A. Hafford of California Yearly Meeting and James Coney, Evangelistic Superintendent of our own Yearly Meeting.

The business of the meeting being concluded, we adjourn, proposing to meet at Sandwich at the usual time in Tenth month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber,
Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich, Tenth Month 10th 1931.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows;

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose and Lois H. Bowerman.

From New Bedford: Joseph L. Hiller and Sarah D. Holmes.

From Dartmouth: Annie D. Cornell, Lillian A. Sherman, Eleanor M. Howland and James Wild.

From Westport: Jennie Davis,

All of whom are present.

The committee appointed to consider the acknowledgement of the ministerial gift of Rachel Mostrom, report that they believe her to have received spiritual gifts which entitle her to be recorded as a minister of our society.

This report is united with and the Clerk is hereby directed to inform New Bedford Monthly Meeting of our action.

We appoint Lois H. Bowerman, Oscar G. Mostrom, Annie M. Cook, and James Wild a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

The queries were read.
No other business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford in First month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber,
Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, First Month Ninth, 1932.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:
From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose and Albert S. Bowerman.
From New Bedford: Lydia M. Jenney and Mary E. Howland.
From Dartmouth: James Wild, Annie D. Tornell, and Lucy J. Gifford
From Westport: Annie M. Cook.
who are present except two.
The committee appointed to propose the name of some friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the coming year are united in proposing the name of Edward L. Macomber and he is accordingly appointed to serve in that capacity

for one year or until another appointment.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the following named friends to serve as Elders of that meeting for the term of three years: Milton M. Mosher, Lillian A. Sherman and Harry W. Allen, with which this meeting unites and the Clerk is directed to inform Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of our action.

James Coney, Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Superintendent, was present and introduced the subject of the desirability of a change in our regulations for admitting persons to membership. An interesting and helpful discussion followed.

The queries were read.

No further business coming before us, we conclude proposing to meet in New Bedford in Fourth month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, Fourth Month Ninth, 1932.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Alice C. Gifford and Annie E. Rose.
From New Bedford: Bertha A. Mostrom and Mary E. Howland.
From Dartmouth: Harry W. Allen, Lillian A. Sherman, and Milton M. Mosher.
From Westport: Alice A. Macomber.
who are present, except one.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the following named friends to serve as Elders for the three year term beginning 1st. mo. 1932, viz: Emma M. Almy, Bertha A. Mostrom, and Ida J. Nye, and Westport Monthly Meeting has submitted the name of Annie M. Cook to serve that meeting as an Elder for the three years ensuing.

This meeting approves of the above nominations for the station of Elder and the Clerk is directed to inform the respective meetings of our action.

The queries were read.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight James Wild, Oscar G. Mostrom, Annie E. Rose and Mary E. Howland.

Oscar G. Mostrom and James Coney brought helpful messages.

We were encouraged to make prayerful preparation for the coming sessions of our Yearly Meeting.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at West Falmouth in Seventh month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth, Seventh Month 9th, 1932

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose and Albert S. Bowerman.

From New Bedford: Alvano C. Goddard and George R. Wood.

From Dartmouth: Rebecca Wild, Annie D. Cornell and Harry R. Sherman.

From Westport: Edward L. Macomber

who are present, except one.

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, report that all their number attended.

We are informed of the death of Samuel G. Gidley, a former Clerk, and approve the preparation of a minute expressing our appreciation of his life and service.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at Sandwich in Tenth month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich, Tenth Month 8th 1932.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows;
From Sandwich: Alice C. Gifford, Annie E. Rose, and Albert S. Bowerman.
From New Bedford: Mary E. Howland and Bertha A. Mostrom.
From Dartmouth: James Wild, Harry W. Allen, and Eleanor M. Howland.
From Westport: Hattie F. Macomber.
who are present except one

We appoint Oscar G. Mostrom, Alice C. Gifford, and James Wild, a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

We appoint George R. Wood, Edward L. Macomber, and Alice C. Gifford a committee to plan for our next session and arrange for a speci-

speaker if it should seem desirable.

James Coney was present and gave a brief account of his recent visit to England.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at New Bedford in First Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford First Month 14th 1933.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows;

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose and Virtue B Gifford

From New Bedford: Joseph L. Hiller and Alvano C. Goddard.

From Dartmouth: Lucy J. Gifford, Annie D. Cornell and Frank H. Smith.

From Westport: Annie M. Cook

who are all present.

The committee which was appointed to propose the name of some friend to serve as clerk of this meeting for the coming year

report that they are united in proposing the name of Edward L. Macomber and he is accordingly appointed to serve in that capacity for one year or until another appointment.

New Bedford Monthly meeting has submitted for our approval the names of George R. Wood, Edward B. Hiller and Sarah D. Holmes as elders for the three year period beginning 1st mo. 1933; Dartmouth Monthly Meeting proposes Mary I. Gifford and Eleanor M. Howland as elders for three years; and Sandwich Monthly Meeting presents Virtue B. Gifford, Lois H. Bowerman and Albert S. Bowerman as elders for the coming three years.

All of the foregoing nominations are approved and the Clerk is directed to notify the respective meetings of our action.

The program committee are continued and are requested to make arrangements for a special speaker at the next session, if in their judgment it should seem wise to do so.

Samuel G. Gidley, who for many years served this meeting as Clerk, died 6th month 30th 1931. We wish to record our sense of gratitude and appreciation of his long and faithful service.

Interesting remarks were made by Mary H. Binford, William Prideaux, Alvano C. Goddard, Oscar G. Mostrom and others.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at New Bedford in Fourth Month next, Providence permitting

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford Fourth Month 8th 1933.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Alice C. Gifford, Annie E. Rose, and Albert S. Bowerman.

From Dartmouth: Lillian A. Sherman, Milton M. Mosher and James Wild.

From New Bedford: Bertha A. Mostrom and Mary E. Howland.

From Westport: Alice A. Macomber

who are present except one who was absent on account of illness in family.

Westport Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the name of Jennie Davis as an elder for three years.

This nomination is approved and the Clerk is directed to inform said Meeting of our action.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight:

Oscar G. Mostrom, Harry R. Sherman, Edward L. Macomber and Annie E. Rose.

An interesting and inspiring report from Dartmouth (local) Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was read.

Other local meetings were encouraged to present written reports of their activities.

Dr. Charles R. Zahniser, who had been expected to be present and speak on Personal Evangelism was unable on account of sickness to be present, but his place was taken by James Coney who gave a very helpful talk on the same subject, emphasizing the points of his address with many apt illustrations.

The business of the meeting being concluded, we adjourn, proposing to meet at West Falmouth in Seventh Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth Seventh Month 8th 1933.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Albert S. Bowerman, Annie E. Rose and Alice C. Gifford.

From New Bedford: Joseph L. Hiller, and Alvano C. Goddard.
From Dartmouth: Lucy J. Gifford, Frank H. Smith and John A. Cornell.
From Westport: Annie M. Cook.
who are all present except one.

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, report that they attended with two exceptions.

Oscar G. Mostrom read a communication relative to a proposed plan for the recording of ministers, which is now being considered by the Yearly Meeting.

James Coney, Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Superintendent, was present and spoke helpfully on the same subject, giving a brief statement of the action already taken by the Yearly Meeting and asking for suggestions from the membership.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at Sandwich in Tenth Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber,
Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich Tenth Month 14th 1933

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose, Albert S. Bowerman and Virtue B. Gifford,

From Dartmouth: Rebecca Wild, Annie D. Cornell, Eleanor M. Howland and Harry W. Allen,

From New Bedford: George R. Wood and Mary E. Howland,

From Westport: Hattie F. Macomber,

who are present except two, for one of whom a reason was assigned.

We appoint James Wild, Annie D. Cornell, and George R. Wood a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

Remarks were made by Alvano C. Goddard and Oscar G. Mostrom.

James A. Coney, Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Supt., was present and made announcement of the Yearly Meeting Conference soon to be held in Lawrence.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at New Bedford in First Month next, Providence permitting. Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford First Month 13, 1934.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Alice C. Gifford and Albert S. Bowerman,

From Dartmouth: James Wild and Lillian Sherman,

From New Bedford: Joseph C. Hiller and Alvano C. Goddard,

From Westport: Annie M. Cook,

who are present except one.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the names of Mary E. Howland, Lydia M. Jenney and Joseph L. Hiller as elders for the three year term beginning First Month 1934.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the names of John A. Cornell and Ella A. Gifford as elders for three years. These nominations are approved and the clerk is directed to inform the respective Monthly Meetings of our action.

The committee appointed to propose the name of some friend to serve as clerk of this meeting for the coming year, report that they are united in proposing the name of Edward

L. Macomber, with which we unite, and he is accordingly appointed to serve in that capacity for one year, or until another appointment.

No other business coming before us, we conclude proposing to meet in New Bedford in Fourth month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, Fourth Month 14, 1934.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Virtue B. Gifford, Annie E. Rose, Lois H. Bowerman.

From Dartmouth: John A. Cornell, Milton M. Mosher, Rebecca Wild.

From New Bedford: Ida J. Nye, Lydia M. Jenney.

From Westport: Annie M. Cook

who are present, except three.

Westport Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the name of Hattie F. Macomber as an elder for three years.

This nomination is approved and the Clerk is directed to inform the Monthly Meeting of our action.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Alvano C. Goddard, Edward L. Macomber, James Wild and Annie E. Rose.

Interesting and encouraging reports were received from all our subordinate meetings.

We appreciate the fact that all our local meetings have presented reports and the Clerk is authorized to add to these any items of interest which may seem necessary.

The Clerk informs this meeting that, since our last session, the Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and himself have approved a minute of New Bedford Monthly Meeting approving the proposed service of Augustus T. Murray within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

The queries were read.

Alvano C. Goddard read an epistle of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

No other business coming before us, we conclude proposing to meet at West Falmouth, Seventh Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber,
Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth Seventh Month 14, 1934.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich:

From Dartmouth: James Wild, Jennie W. Gifford, and Milton M. Mosher.

From New Bedford: Ethel E. Westgate and Mary E. Howland.

From Westport: Edward L. Macomber and Hattie F. Macomber

who are present except three, for one of whom an excuse was given.

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, report that they attended with one exception.

Helpful messages were presented by Oscar G. Mostrom and James Wild.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at Sandwich in Tenth Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber,
Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Sandwich Tenth Month 13, 1934.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Virtue B. Gifford, Annie E. Rose, Lois H. Bowerman

From Dartmouth: Lillian A. Sherman and Annie D. Cornell

From Westport: Annie M. Cook

From New Bedford: Bertha A. Mostrom and Alvano C. Goddard

who are present except three.

We appoint Annie E. Rose, Bertha A. Mostrom, and James Wild as a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year,

The queries were read.

Remarks on Bible Study were made by Alvano C. Goddard.

The subject of discontinuance of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight was considered and representatives of our local meetings are requested to give attention to this matter and report their conclusions.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at New Bedford in First Month next, Providence permitting

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford First Month 12, 1935.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Virtue B. Gifford and Albert S. Bowerman.

From Dartmouth: Jennie W. Gifford, Lillian A. Sherman and Milton M. Mosher.

From New Bedford: Mary E. Howland and George R. Wood.

From Westport: Hattie F. Macomber and Annie M. Cook,

who are present except three. An excuse was given for the absence of one of these.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the names of Bertha A. Mostrom, Emma M. Almy and Ida J. Nye to serve as Elders for the three years beginning First Mo. 1935 and Alice R. Howland (in place of Edward

B. Hiller, deceased) for one year beginning First Mo. 1935.

Westport Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the name of Annie M. Cook as an Elder for the three years beginning First Month 1935 and Earl H. Wood for one year beginning First Month 1935.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the names of Milton M. Mosher, Lillian A. Sherman and Harry W. Allen to serve as Elders for three years.

All the foregoing nominations were approved and the Clerk is directed to notify the respective Monthly Meetings of our action and that they are at liberty to proceed with the appointments.

The committee appointed to propose the name of some Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the coming year report that they are united in proposing the name of Edward L. Macomber. We approve this nomination and Edward L. Macomber is accordingly appointed to serve in that capacity for one year or until another appointment.

The queries were read.

The subject of discontinuance of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight was discussed.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet in New Bedford in Fourth

Month next, Providence permitting

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford Fourth Month 13, 1935

The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Alice C. Gifford and Annie E. Rose.

From Dartmouth: Lucy J. Gifford and Milton M. Mosher.

From New Bedford: Alvano C. Goddard, Bertha A. Mostrom, and Joseph L. Hiller

From Westport: Hattie F. Macomber who are present except one.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the name of Charles E. Gardner to serve as an Elder for the period ending First Month 1936 in place of George R. Wood, deceased. This nomination is approved and the Clerk is directed to inform New Bedford Monthly Meeting of our action.

Reports on the state of society in our local meetings were read and considered.

We are especially pleased to have received written reports of the problems and activities in most of our local meetings.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, James Wild, Annie E. Rose and Joseph L. Hiller.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet in West Falmouth in Seventh Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth Seventh Month 13, 1935.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Virtue B. Gifford and Annie E. Rose,

From Dartmouth: Rebecca Wild, Harry W. Allen, and John A. Cornell,

From New Bedford: Charles E. Gardner and Alvano C. Goddard,

From Westport: Annie M. Cook,

who are present except one.

Helpful remarks were made by James Coney, Virtue B. Gifford, Alvano C. Goddard and others.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at Sandwich in Tenth Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich Tenth Month 12, 1935.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose and Virtue B. Gifford,

From Dartmouth: Rebecca Wild, Frank H. Smith, Lucy J. Gifford, and Milton M. Mosher,

From New Bedford: Alice W. Howland and Joseph L. Hiller

From Westport: Edward L. Macomber, who are present except two, for the absence of one of these an excuse being given,

We appoint Annie E. Rose and Oscar G. Mostrom as a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some

Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

Helpful messages were brought to us by Alvano C. Goddard, Oscar G. Mostrom, Rachel Mostrom, and James Wild.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet in New Bedford in First Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford First Month 11, 1936.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth: Lillian A. Sherman, Hettie A. Tripp, and John A. Cornell,

From New Bedford: Charles E. Gardner and Alvano C. Goddard,

From Sandwich: Alice C. Gifford and Albert S. Bowerman,

From Westport: Annie M. Cook,

all of whom are present.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the names of Sarah D. Holmes, Alice W. Howland, and Charles E. Gardner as elders for the three years beginning First month 1936; Westport Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the name of Earl H. Wood as an elder for three years; and Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the names of Mary J. Gifford and Florence Carr as elders for three years.

All of the foregoing nominations are approved and the Clerk is directed to so inform the respective Monthly Meetings.

The committee appointed to propose the name of some Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the coming year, report that they are united in proposing the name of Edward L. Macomber, with which we unite, and he is accordingly appointed to serve in that capacity for one year, or until another appointment.

An interesting discussion was participated in by James Coney, Alvano C. Goddard, Oscar G. Mostrom and others.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet in New Bedford in Fourth Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford Fourth Month 11, 1936.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Alice C. Gifford and Albert S. Bowerman

From Dartmouth: Milton M. Mosher and James Wild

From New Bedford: Joseph L. Hiller and Bertha A. Mostrom

From Westport: Alice A. Macomber

who were present except one

Several very interesting reports on the state of society in our local meetings were read, considered, and discussed. Some verbal reports were also presented.

James Wild was requested to summarize these local meeting reports and forward his summary to the American Friend for publication.

James A. Coney brought to us the concern of a recent meeting of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee of the Yearly Meeting for home mission work proposed to be done during the summer months in certain needy sections of the State of Maine.

We appoint Mary E. Howland, Alvano C. Goddard and Annie E. Rose as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Our local meetings are encouraged to give such support and help to this work as seems to them advisable.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at West Falmouth in Seventh Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth Seventh Month 11, 1936

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose and Albert S. Bowerman

From Dartmouth: John A. Cornell, Frank H. Smith and Hettie A. Tripp

From New Bedford: Charles E. Gardner and Mary E. Howland.

From Westport: Hattie F. Macomber who were present, except four.

For the absence of one of these, an excuse was given. {We are informed that all representatives to the Yearly meeting on ministry and Oversight attended, except one.}

James Wild reported that he had forwarded a summary of local meeting

reports to the American Friend, as directed but that his original report was much condensed before publication.

Alvano C. Goddard brought to us a messa on behalf of the Peace Committee of our Yearly Meeting.

Rachel Mostrom urged the necessity of the truth of Christ being preached by the Ministry of the Church and also emphasized our Peace message.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at Sandwich in Tenth month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich Tenth Month 10, 1931

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose and Albert S. Bowerman,

From Dartmouth: Lillian A. Sherman, Rebecca Wild, and Milton M. Mosher,

From New Bedford: Alice W. Howland, Ida J. Nye, and Bertha A. Mostrom

From Westport: Alice A. Macomber

who are present except three, for two of whom reasons for absence have been given.

We are informed that the absence of Annie E. Rose is in consequence of the death of her brother and the clerk is requested to extend to her our deep sympathy.

James Wild and Alice C. Gifford are appointed a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

Remarks were made by Alvano C. Goddard, James A. Coney, and James Wild.

James A. Coney also reported the summer work carried on at East Benton and North Fairfield in the state of Maine.

The queries were read.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet at New Bedford in First Month next, Providence permitting.

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, First Month 9th 1937.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich: Annie E. Rose and Alice C. Gifford

From Dartmouth: Mary I. Gifford, Milton M. Mosher, and Hettie A. Tripp

From New Bedford: Charles E. Gardner and Alice W. Howland

From Westport: Annie M. Cook

who are present, except two.

The committee appointed at our last session to bring forward the name of some friend to serve as clerk of this meeting for the coming year report that they have given the subject serious consideration and interviewed several persons whom they considered suitable, but have been unable to find one willing to undertake that service.

After full discussion we are united in appointing Alice C. Gifford as clerk of this meeting, and she is accordingly appointed to serve in that capacity for one year, or until another appointment.

Monthly Meetings have submitted for our approval the following names of proposed elders:

From New Bedford: Lydia M. Jenney, Joseph L. Hiller, and Mary Emma Howland, for the three years beginning First Month 1937, and Ida S. Tripp (in place of Sarah D. Holmes, deceased,) for the two years beginning First Month 1937

From Dartmouth: John A. Cornell, for three years.

From Westport: Hattie F. Macomber, for the three years beginning First Month 1937.

All the foregoing nominations are hereby approved, and the Clerk is directed to so inform the respective Monthly Meetings and that they are at liberty to make the proposed appointments.

After considerable informal discussion, no other business coming before us, we conclude, proposing to meet in New Bedford in Fourth Month next, Providence permitting

Edward L. Macomber, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, 4th mo. 10th, 1937

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth: Lillie and L. Sherman, John A. Cornell, Rebecca Wild, Julia Dewey.

From New Bedford: Jane D. Howland, Lydia M. Kenney, Oscar G. Mostrom.

From Westport: Annie May Cook.

From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose, Albert S. Doverman, ——— of whom all were present except one.

The annual reports from our local meetings, some written, some orally given, have been presented. The work at Long Plain has been furthered by the cooperation of other Christian forces there, and the attendance at the meetings has increased appreciably. From Central Village there were encouraging words about their workers, their vacation Bible School, and their regular Bible School. Their community house has been helpfully used for neighborhood activities. Sandwich and West Falmouth have carried on Christian work as previously, with

continued interest in our missionary fields and on the approaching World Conference of Friends. From the Dartmouth local meeting report we learn of the devotion of the young people of Smith's Rock to their meetings of the Special evangelistic services at Smith's Rock their active missionary and temperance groups, and of the many visits made to homes by pastoral committee and pastor. The young people's work at Mattapoisett has been especially praiseworthy.

The concern of Edward Gifford that Friends enter an open door at Fresh Pond was brought before us. This especially as to needs of children and young people there has been appeal to us. Friends spoke to this concern and at the suggestion of Francis H. Gifford a committee was appointed, consisting of Julia Dewey, Abram C. Gifford and Annie M. Gifford.

James A. Comey brought before us the work of a Yearly Meeting committee on membership and transferring of members. Some Quarterly Meetings have special problems regarding those who desire fellowship with them. They are not fully in accord with Friends' practice in regard to water baptism and the ordinances. There are Rome Free kinds of membership, one

being a live under Discipline?
All queries were read in accordance with the usual practice.
We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
Edward L. Macomber, Oscar G. Mastron, Alice Cliff.
No further business appearing we conclude, by forming to meet in West Falmouth, in 7th Mo. next, Providence permitting.
Alice C. Tifford, Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at East Falmouth, 9th Mo. 11th, 1937
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:
From Dartmouth: James Wild, John A Cornell, Edna Sherratt.
From New Bedford, Ida S. Tripp, Bertha A. Mastron.
From Westport, Hattie Macomber.
From Sandwich, Lois A. Bowerman, Emma B. Jones, Alice B Tifford of whom all were present except two.
From the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight we are advised that applicants for membership should be acquainted with the

principles of the Society of Friends as set forth in our Discipline. Attendants should be encouraged to wait worshipping with reverent reverence, convinced that they do not accept our principles and fellowship unless they experience the deep reverence at both meeting for worship. Let us not stress non-essentials, but rejoice the most great essential, exchanged heart-acknowledging the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Troubled urge of friends to spend time daily in meditation and study of the Word especially. Private life. Christ remote. Himself to all who earnestly seek Him. Encouraging conviction of our attitude, remembering that "love never fails."

James Wilcox spoke with conviction concerning the work of a small Friends Meeting in its community. Said Friends emphasized personal work in the community to bring people to worship with us. The testimony of our lives, especially Christian living, has a great influence in reaching those interested in the meeting.

Oliver A. Cook and Mary Lou Cook were appointed at the last meeting to consider the need for work by Friends here at East Evanston. Only five help from our group has been given in different

Sundays. The Bible School goes on through the Summer, and one shall be held every Sunday at 10 o'clock A.M. A preaching service is assured fortnightly by the Adventists.

No further business appearing, one committee was appointed to meet at East Sandwich 6th. month next, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at East Sandwich 5th. Month. 9th, 1937.

The minutes of the previous meeting have been read and approved.

By reports from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth: Lillian A. Sherman, Milton E. Mosher, Jennie W. Gifford.

From New Bedford: Alice M. Haviland, Charles E. Gardiner, Alice S. Gardiner.

From Westport, Alice A. Macomber.

From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose, Alice C. Gifford

of whom all were present except two.

Alonzo C. Goddard, by special request gave a brief report of religious services at East Freetown. The meetings are now smaller in numbers, being affected by summer activities of various kinds, and by camp-meeting.

The queries, as revised by our discussion have been read at this time.

The World Conference of Friends recently held at Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges has been very much on our hearts. James Wild and Alvano Goddard gave helpful messages about it, expressing the spiritual benefits received. Like the shepherds they have returned praising God. The early Christians issued no manifesto, sent no memorial to Pontius Pilate, but a life giving message went out in the words and deeds of the early disciples. The deepened and strengthened lives of the men and women in attendance are the memorial from this conference. The significant lives of English Friends made possible, during the World War, the passage of J. Edmund Harvey's amendment to the great war bill providing for conscientious objectors.

As to the nature of man, and his relation to God, Friends are convinced that Man partakes of the Divine and is in correspondence with Him always. But weak and sinful we cannot lift himself into goodness. He must seek, and cooperate with the Divine Love seeking him. When he is remade himself man can become a genuine transmissive organ of God's love and can regenerate the world.

A concern was voiced by Rebecca Wild and others that we receive a more specific report of those commission groups that considered the state of society, as to why our meetings feel so flat

and how they can be revitalized
The time for adjournment brought the meet-
ing to a close. We conclude, purposing to meet
at New Bedford, First Month next, Providence
permitting.

Alice C Gifford, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight held at New Bedford, First Mo.
8, 1938.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the
representatives to this meeting are as follows:
From New Bedford: Thos. L. Tripp, Jos L. Hillier, Jane D. Howland
From Dartmouth: Harry A. Allen, Mettie L. Tripp, Millon
D. Mosher.
From Westport, Annie M. Cook
From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose, Alice C. Gifford,
who are present with one exception for whom ill-
ness was the cause of absence

The committee appointed by the Clerk after
the last meeting to bring forward the name of
some friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting
for the coming year, report the name of Alice
C. Gifford, with this we unite and she is ac-
cordingly appointed to serve in that capa-
city for one year or until another appointment

The Monthly Meetings have submitted for our
approval the following names of proposed elders:

Dartmouth: Milton M Mosher, Mary P Allen, Lillian L Sherman.

Westport: Annie M. Cook.

New Bedford: Berthold Mostrom, Ida J. Nye, Ruth H. Nye

All the foregoing nominations are hereby approved and the clerk is directed to inform the respective Monthly Meetings of our action.

A minute from Agnes N. Harrison, Clerk of our Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to our Monthly Meetings on Ministry and Oversight has been read.

The message of Friends in France to the World Friends Conference has been read.

The clerk is directed to send a letter of sympathy to our dear friends Lucy J. Gifford and James Wild, absent from our meeting today on account of illness

James Cooney reported visits to elderly and sick Friends and the splendid witness they are making to Christ's power. Continuing our reports from the World Conference James Cooney emphasized the remarkable unity among the delegates the powerful times of silent worship experienced the fact of one thousand people going back to about a thousand places as living epistles. The result of the World Conference and of the regional conference at Providence is that the Conservative Friends of New England Yearly Mtg have come to us to ask for that they may join the larger body.

No other business coming before us, we sat

clude, proposing to meet in New Bedford in Fourth Month next, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, 4th Mo. 7, 1938.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our Local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth, Julia Devey, Lelia A. Sherman, John A. Cornell, Ernest A. Smith.

From New Bedford, Charles E. Gardner, Alonzo C. Pickard, Mary E. Moreland.

From Westport, Anna B. Cook.

From Sandwich, Annie Wee, Albert Bowman, — of whom all were present except one.

The annual reports have our meetings represented as follows:

At Smiths Neck the meetings for worship have been times of great spiritual benefit and blessing. The young people there are active in the Bible School, the Young People's Society and with their devotion of time in the prayer meeting.

At Allens Neck the year has become one of continued usefulness in the ordinance

organizations, with an increasing number of Holiness Friends and other Christian workers. This has been marked by the large attendance of the morning meeting and the exercises of spiritual gifts.

At New Bedford the Second Street meeting has reached a greater number of gifted ministers and the First day School and Bible Class are important places. The Berkley St. meeting has reached a point that the meeting house has closed upon it gratefully for Friends at Sandwich and West Falmouth feel that their meetings continue to be profitable and their communities where a strong Christian witness is given.

A strong Christian center has been maintained for the community in Central Village. Their goal is to bring about a greater degree of responsibility among the membership.

These reports certainly declare a healthy condition in the spiritual life of our people. There is more accomplished in spiritual things than can be reported.

Addresses were given on the Peace Testimony and Social Problems of the day. Papers were read on Peace Principles and Practices, Temperance, Social Purity, Capital Punishment, Prison Reform, Slavery, Indian Rights, Women's Rights, Labor Problems, Civil Service Reform, Arbitration, Education, Missions, Bible Societies, Sabbath Observance, Sunday Schools, Bible Study, Revivals, Family Religion, Christian Nurture, Christian Unity, Ministry, Worship, Baptism, Communion, Marriage, Divorce, Dress, Amusements, Secret Societies, Oaths, Civil Government, Church Government, Discipline, Revision of Faith and Practice, Publications

Our evangelistic superintendent, James
A. Coney was very acceptably present.
James and Rebecca Wild witnessed to a
sense of blessed fellowship and union
with us at Quarterly Meeting time though
far away, and to their great joy in return
inquiry restored health for further service
We appoint as our representatives to the
Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
Lois A. Bowerman, Rebecca Wild Evans, Gadd.
The clerk reported that letters had been sent
to the respective monthly meetings from
this meeting approving their recent ap-
pointment of elders for three years.
No further business appearing we con-
clude purposing to meet in West Falmouth
in Seventh Mo. next, Providence permitting.
Alice C. Tifford, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight held at West Falmouth,
7th Mo. 9th, 1938.
The minutes of the last meeting were read.
By reports received from our local meet-
ings, the representatives to this meeting are as
follows:
From Dartmouth, James Wild, Jr., Cornell Bar-
Tifford.

From New Bedford, Jane D. Haviland, Alvano C. Ellis,
From Westport Hattie F. Macomber.
From Sandwich, Lois A. Bowerman, Annie C. Rose
who were present except one.

We are informed that two of our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight were present and that one was unavoidably detained at home.

A report of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight was given by Rebeca Hild and Alvano C. Goddard, who spoke of the concern brought before it by some young friends, as to the responsibility of ministers, elders, and overseers toward the membership in general, and young friends in particular, in regard to instructing them in the ways of peace in the face of increasing on the part of the state in ways of war, and in regard to the source of spiritual strength when called upon to suffer for their faith.

We were reminded of Rufus Jones' radio message at the time of the World Conference stressing the positive and constructive work of reconciliation by friends, - removing injustice, serving the victims of war and practising Jesus' way of life in times of peace and in the midst of war.

It was thought best that we work with the business meeting in carrying out this

responsibility of instruction, and the meeting approved the invitation to a concerned Friend, consecrated and experienced in peace messages to visit our next Quarterly Meeting.

Announcement has been made of the return of James Coney and his family to England for a visit to his aged parents and for study at Woodbrooke. Expression was given to the deep esteem in which the Coneys are held, and to the whole hearted desire that they shall have a time of great refreshing of body and of spirit. Our members heartily appreciate the devoted service of our Evangelistic Superintendent.

Jas. A Coney has told us of the Woodbrooke University Settlement and of the service he is to have in the George Fox country in a Monthly Meeting in the Midlands where he and James Field formerly were engaged in the Christian ministry. He is to represent our Yearly Meeting at the Consultative Committee of Friends meeting at Copenhagen in August from many Yearly Meetings, - a unique occasion.

No further business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at Sandwich in Tenth Month, next, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at East Sandwich, 10th Mo. 8th 1938.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

By reports received from our local meetings the Representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth: Lillian Sherman, Ethel A. Cornell, Jennie N. Tifford.

From New Bedford, Janet A. Howland, Chas. E. Sanders.

" West port, Annie M. Cook.

" Sandwich, Albert S. Sherman, Anna C. Ross

who are present except two. To one of these a welcome was given.

The queries have been read, as required by our discipline.

Instead of appointing a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some Friend to serve as clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year, the meeting approved the leaving of this action for one year, and the present clerk is appointed to serve for that time.

The meeting approved the sending of a letter to Wilbur K. Kampin sympathy for his accident, and expressing the hope that he may meet with us at some future time.

Oscar Mostrom and others brought messages concerning James Coney, and John Allcock. Lessons in World progress can be drawn from Scandinavian Countries who have kept a living faith in God; with straight thinking in religion has gone straight thinking in scientific knowledge

resulting in great good for Lucy peoples

We welcome Willis White and family, also William Estes and wife of Providence at our meetings to-day.

Sam'l Wild gave a brief account of a recent visit by his wife and himself to Maple Grove meeting in Maine, carrying on a concern of our absent Evangelistic Superintendent.

The matter of individual faithfulness in regard to the temperance and race track questions was brought before us in view of our coming elections

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet at New Bedford, First Month next, Providence permitting

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, First Month 14th, 1939.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth, Mary J Gifford, Francena Sherratt, Milton M Mosher, Julia Dewey.

From Westport, Annie M. Cook

From Sandwich, Lois N. Bowerman, Annie S Fox

From New Bedford, Chas. E. Gardner, Bertha A. Moslrom, Thos. L. Tripp, who are present except three. For one of these absences, reason was given.

The Monthly Mtgs have submitted for our approval, the following names of proposed elders for the three year term beginning 1st Mo. 1939.

From New Bedford, Alice H. Howland, Ida S. Tripp, Chas. E. Gardner.

From Dartmouth Mary D. Gifford, Florence Carr.

From Westport, Earl H. Wood.

The foregoing nominations are hereby approved, and the clerk is directed to so inform the respective Monthly Meetings, also that they are at liberty to make the proposed appointments.

The queries have been read. We have encouraged to follow the requirement of our discipline seeking and studying to understand the Holy Scriptures, with belief in the fulfilment of prophecy therein.

We welcome Josephine H. Carr, and Edward and Marion Kelsey from Lakeville to this meeting.

The serious matter of a proposed race track at Westport has been presented by Edward Macomber. Friends have become deeply concerned. Jessie W. Gifford has suggested that a letter of protest presenting the moral side of the matter, as the Society of Friends sees it, be sent to Governor Saltonstall. Edw. L. Macomber, Thos. L. Tripp, Jessie W. Gifford, and Recorder were appointed a committee to prepare such a letter. At the wish of this

meeting that the letter be sent to the press, to
express our testimony as the Society of Friends
to the general public.
Rebecca Hild has voiced her concern that we recog-
nize the taking of chances as the knowledge of
gambling and feels Friends should take a
stand against this evil, thus bearing our
testimony before our young people. Josephine Carr has
warned us to be watchful against its entrance
into our woman's clubs. The Clerk is instructed
to send a letter to our individual Monthly
Mtgs. that shall embody our testimony.
The time for adjournment brought the meeting
to a close. We conclude therefore, purposing to meet
again in New Bedford in Fourth Mo. if Lord permit.
Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight, held at New Bedford, Fourth Mo. 8, 1939.
The minutes of the last meeting have been
read and approved.
By reports received from our local meetings,
the representatives to this meeting are as follows:
From New Bedford, Alice T. Gardner, Jos L. Hillard
" Westport, Hattie T. Macomber
" Sandwich, Albert S. Bowerman, Annie C. Tobey
" Dartmouth, Julia Dewey, Robert Chase, Hilda
Mosher, Lillian L. Lerman, Jennie V. Gifford,
— who are present except one.

The letter sent by the Clerk to the individual meetings relative to gambling was approved.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Edw. L. Macomber, Alonzo C. Goddard, James Wild, Alice C. Tyson. A question has arisen as to our usefulness as a body to the Yearly Meeting. Very important concerns have been voiced in the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight which have been presented to the Yearly Meeting and acted upon. We have recognition of this work in its minutes.

The annual reports from our local meetings have been presented. At Central Village has had a returning theological student as worker in its Meeting and inspiring ministers during the summer. They have had very good interest in their Sunday school, and the work of meeting house repair and redecoration has been carefully shared by all groups. The young people attend the morning meeting well, and there is enthusiasm for Junior Yearly Meeting.

Dudley and West Thompson Friends feel personal responsibility for the broader work of Friends, and more time and strength in committee and official work. Visiting meetings have been held regularly in Dudley throughout the year, but in West Thompson only in the summer. At here the service meets the needs of a considerable number of summer residents. The

and resident members will each place co-operate with other religious groups in community betterment.

At Smithfield, the year has been one of real spiritual growth. His activities are organized and inspired by the whole church. The young people aid by their choir, and have also a program of worship and a forum which helps them in solving their problems of life. They held the meeting and other good causes financially. They are supporting the yearly Meeting activities and sent one of their number to the Young Friends Conference in England. The Friends did with its monthly meeting and supper is a source of strength, through both health entertainment. It provided a financial support of good causes.

At Adams Neck, much Christian work is being done in the Bible School with increased attendance, and in the meeting where new members have been added, and the older ones are sharing the responsibilities in worship. Here also the Women Christian Temperance Union and Women and missionary Society, work hand & hand. Daily vacation Bible School is also a builder of character. The material gain ing in this group is very substantial, for they feel that if they do not grow cheerfully, their spiritual growth dies & ceases.

New Bedford Friends report harmony and spiritual growth among its members, and the

attendance increased. Missionary and Church
did societies have given several hundred dollars
for missions and the meeting house education
work, the Quarterly has been upon us for almost
a hundred years. The last long train meeting is still
going on, with a larger community interest. The
midweek meeting does some study as well as
We are assured that God is guiding His people in these
services.

Minute of the Report Monthly Meeting regarding the
proposed service of the late Miss Mary Winslow
Quarterly Meeting has been approved by Thos. Meeting
and the Church

The committee appointed at our last meeting to
prepare and send a letter to Gov. Saltonstall
and the press protesting the establishment of
race tracks in this region has been sent.

We welcome James A. Coxey, recently returned from
England; also Josephine Carr and Harold Hopkins

No other business coming before us, we conclude,
purposing to meet at West Falmouth, 11th Mo. next
Providence permitting

Alice C. Seppard Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight held at West Falmouth, Sev-
enth Month 8th, 1939.

The minutes of the last meeting have

been read. By reports
received from our local meetings
the representatives to this meeting are as
follows:
From Sandwich, Lois H. Bowerman Alice C. Jeffords
" Dartmouth Francena Gerratt Mary S. Jeffords
" New Bedford, Ruth Tripp Ida S. Tripp.
" Westport Annie M Cobb, who are present except one
The representatives to the Yearly Meeting on
Ministry and Oversight report all present except one
The queries have been read as provided by
our discipline
From reports of our representatives we learn
that the concern of our Yearly Meeting on
Ministry and Oversight was to strengthen
the Christian marriage relations and to more
faithfully guide our young people in the
knowledge of the Friends' marriage ceremony.
Our ministers have felt that the opportunity
and responsibility in the case of marrying
non-Friends who come to them, is a very sacred
one, because they can give teaching and coun-
sel regarding the marriage relations accord-
ing to Friends' belief and practice. The Year-
ly Mtg appointed a committee to prepare
a full statement of this concern, to be sub-
mitted at our next Yearly Mtg.
The concern also expressed by
Wild that our Yearly Meeting on Spiritual

and Oversight should be a season of prayer and devotion for those most largely responsible for the early Meetings sessions.

It is felt that our young people should be encouraged to avoid hasty marriages, and should follow the preparations laid down by our discipline. The importance of being equally yoked with believers was strongly emphasized at this time.

We have welcomed our Evangelistic Superintendent, also Hattie Metcalf, of Worcester Meeting.

No other business coming before us, we close hoping to meet at Sandwich, 2nd Mo. next, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Sandwich, Tenth Month 4th 1939

The minutes of the last meeting have been read. By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Westport, Edward L. Macomber,

" New Bedford, — Alvano C. Goddard, Alice T. Gardner

" West Falmouth, — Annie E. Rose, Alice P. Gifford

" Dartmouth — Charles F. Gifford, Lillian A. Sherman, John A. Cornell, who are all present.

Joseph Hiller, and Annie M. Cook are appointed a committee to bring forward at

our next meeting the name of some friend to serve as clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

We welcome to our meeting James A Coney, an Evangelistic Supt. and Josephine Carr from Sapulpa, Okla.

Our Quaker pacifist testimony is before us at this time. James Coney reminded us that only by prayer and Christian grace can we keep ourselves in control and think lovingly. Resumtolal of the Christian message is these words about loving your enemies and doing good to them. We are children of light & and when we understand the heart of God. That radiant spirit that loves the whole world will win through. When that light shall be very bright, others will not dare to go to war.

We are encouraged also by the activity of the World Council of Churches, by the determination of schoolmen to keep war out of the schools, by the greater protection given to children in war areas.

Jennie Gifford was concerned that Friends should have the courage necessary, when opportunities come, to win individual support for the Society of Friends, also to speak out when silence would mean approval of wrong doing.

The time for adjournment has come. We conclude by proposing to meet at Mt Belford, First Month

next. Recorded for meeting
Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at New Bedford First Month, 13th, 1940.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Westport — Annie M. Cook

" Sandwich — Alice C. Gifford, Annie C. Tobey

" New Bedford — Chas. E. Gardner, Jos. L. Hillen

" Dartmouth — Francena E. Sherratt, Julia Dewey, John A. Cornell — who are all present except one, for whom reason of absence is illness.

The Monthly Meetings have submitted for our approval the following names of proposed clerks for the three year term beginning 1st mo. 1940.

From New Bedford, Lydia M. Penny, Jos. L. Hillen, Mary Emma Hoxsie

From Westport, — Hattie P. Macomber

" Dartmouth — John A. Cornell

" Sandwich, Gilbert B. Gifford, Ellis Ross, Albert S. Boyer man.

In forwarding nominations we request that the clerk is directed to inform the respective meetings, also that they are at liberty to make

the proposed appointments.

The committee appointed at our last session to bring forward the name of some Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year report the name of Alice C. Gifford, who is approved by this meeting for that service.

Our Evangelistic Superintendent, James Boone, is acceptably with us.

The queries have been read at this time.

The matter of reports for our next meeting from the local meetings was given serious consideration.

No further business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford in 4th Mo. next, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at New Bedford Fourth Month 13th 1940.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read.

By reports from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford, Ruth A. Tripp, Alice T. Gardiner

" Dartmouth Harry A. Allen, Annie M. Gifford, Florence Carr

" Fairhaven Annie M. Cook

" Sandwich, Alice C. Gifford Annie E. Rose, no

were present except three. For two of these reason of absence was given

Falmouth Monthly Meeting has forwarded to us their concern that Julia G. Dewey, of the Smith's neck Meeting be recorded as a minister. This meeting heartily approves this action. The clerk will so inform the Neck Meeting.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Alvans B. Goddard, Edward L. Macomber, Alice B. Gifford.

James A. Covey, Josephine Lawton of Taylor Mills and Cecil Pearson of Swansea monthly meeting are present with us at this time.

Written reports from Westport, New Bedford, Matapoisett and Smiths Neck Quarterly Meetings have been presented, and verbal reports from Dartmouth, Mattapoisett, and Allens Neck meetings.

At Westport the Church School or Sunday School has a most encouraging condition. Eleven young people have joined the meeting and six adults. Monthly Meeting and the Sunday School Board meet on the same evening, with increased attendance at monthly Mtg. The pastor weekly leads an organized group of young people in their Bible lesson for the coming Sabbath. The meeting house claims attention in repairing and painting and repairs are nearly met, but other causes great need receive help. Young Friends and Juniors continue to show zeal for the Yearly Meeting.

New Bedford reports good attendance of resident members at First-day meeting where the spiritual messages of the Pastor are very stimulating to religious growth. Many outsiders, non-members, gather with the Friends. The Missionary Society and Church aid are very active, and have a very creative spirit. The Barclay continues its charitable work, monthly suppers and evening sessions. The meeting mourns the passing of Augusta Murray, a deeply spiritual minister. The work at Long Plain is satisfactory, more village people attend.

The First-day meeting at Mattapoisett has regular attendance, some come from considerable distance because no meeting house in their locality is closed. Non-resident membership large, and not interested to attend Friends' meetings. The spiritual truths taught faithfully by the leader of Mattapoisett, and are applied practically to life. The First-day School is largely adult. Many young people as they leave High School, also do the Bible School, but a few young children come up from the neighborhood, and join the Bible School.

The report from Smiths Neck states that the meeting is growing spiritually. With a few less addressed in attendance than formerly the young people are faithful in attendance and performance in the choir, and in Mrs. Avery's Sunday evening service of worship and conference. Prayer and conference meetings discussion have been studied. Three or four young people have joined the meeting. The observance of Easter and other

special days have been especially interesting. The Bible School continues its excellent work and gathers new little ones. The Y.P.C.E. are regular & Sunday School teachers meeting. The Ladies Aid and Fellowship Group do their work well. The peace work done by the New England Caravaners at Smiths neck and also Westport was helpful.

At Allens Neck, though they have been without a pastor since the first of 11th Mo, the attendance has kept up well. The Sunday School has increased and great interest shown. The young people co-operate in financial matters well. The Missionary Society has the same output but is diminished in attendance. The temperance workers are very active.

West Falmouth and Sandwich have continued their services with the same arrangements as previously. Oscar Mostrom is very faithful in the Sandwich Mtg on Fifth day evenings. This meeting serves the community well for religious fellowship and teaching. In West Falmouth the ten eleven services of the summer are attended by a considerable number of non-Friends, summer residents. The leaders at these meetings are some of them Friends. Some of the West Falmouth Friends are active in peace and temperance work. Many are non-resident in West Falmouth, who are attached to other churches except for the summer.

Jas Coney spoke of the Quaker Rally in Dover on the 4th Thursday of the 4th Mo. the 25th where Monthly Mtg has held, each year, an outdoor meeting for 50 yrs. There will be a visiting minister from Phila. at this meeting. East Vassal

boro Monthly Mtg on Ministry & Oversight are concerned that Young Friends be trained to take their places as leaders in the meetings. 20 Young Friends are coming to Dover to stay over the week end for study of Quakerism, the Bible, and the Implication of the Christian faith with able leaders.

No other business coming before us we conclude, purposing to meet at West Falmouth the Seventh Month next, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at West Falmouth, Seventh Mo. 13, 1940.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

By reports from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford Jane D. Howland, Oscar G. Mostrom, Lydia Jenny.

From Dartmouth, Lillian Sherman, Francena Sherratt, John A. Cornell.

From Sandwich, Lois H. Bowerman, Dorcas B. Gifford.

From Westport, Chas. A. Brightman, Reuben [illegible]

All were present except two.

The representatives from this meeting to the Yearly Mtg on Ministry and Oversight report that they were present, except two.

Rebecca Hird, overseer of this

the report given by Friends of
Quarterly Meeting, spoke of the pamphlet which
is to be distributed among the Preparative Meetings
regarding the Friends' marriage ceremony
and preparation of young people for the
marriage relations. Others added brief reports.

Josephine Carr and other Friends from Skyles-
ville are with us to-day.

Oscar F. Moulton spoke of the passing of
Mary Emma Howland and of the beauty of her
Christian life, which had as its great object
the carrying on of the work of Friends. Friends
of sympathy to her family and of deep
appreciation of her life and labor in Christ-
likeness among us was sent

The queries were read as required by our
discipline

Alvan C. Eddy spoke of his concern
for the neglected communities in Maine. More
attention is given to the physical needs than spiritual.
The young are exposed to evil influences, com-
pared with Christian leadership. He was reminded
of the needs of others. He might to have
our eyes opened and feel a burden for wider
fields in the Master's service

No other business coming before us we proceed to conclude
purposing to meet at Sandwich in Tenth Mo.
next, Providence permitting.

Alice

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich, Tenth Mo. 15th 1940.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, the Representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich, Annie C. Kirk, Albert S. Bowerman

" Dartmouth, Jennie N. Tifford, John A. Cornell

" New Bedford, Chas. E. Gardner, Bertha A. Mostrom

" Westport, Annie M. Cook, who are present except one, reason of absence being given

We appoint Eunice Ransom and Joseph L. Hiller, as a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

A minute from the New Bedford Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has brought before us the name of Harold A. Mostrom to be recorded as a minister. A committee has been appointed, - as required by our discipline, - consisting of Mary I. Tifford, Edw. L. Macomber, Alice C. Tifford and Ida S. Tripp to consider his spiritual gifts, and general qualifications for the ministry.

Some consideration was given to the two conferences recently held at Providence and Portsmouth respectively. Alvano Goddard

spoke about the recently enacted draft bill, and James D. Coney and the clerk briefly about conference of Christian workers, an occasion of genuine spiritual inspiration and refreshment where Friends stood firmly by the Quaker testimony of peace. Coney spoke also of the revision of discipline now planned for. It is expected the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight will be revived throughout the 5 Years Mtg taking responsibility for spiritual condition of the meeting, so that there will be no more pastoral committee.

We welcome Harold and Anne Kuhn to this meeting also Mary Dillingham Edge of Phila Yearly Mtg. and Mary C. Lamb, a member of this meeting, resident at Mt Kisco, N.Y. Jas A Coney our Evangelistic Supt. has been acceptably present also.

No other business coming before us, we conclude per proxing to meet in New Bedford in 7 mo next. Providence permitting

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, 1st Mo. 11th 1941.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford, Alvan C. Goddard, Chas. E. Tabor,
" Dartmouth, Mary F. Tifford, Harry W. Allen,
John A. Cornell
" Westport, Annie M. Cook
" Sandwich, Alice C. Tifford who are all present except one.

The committee appointed to propose the name of some friend to serve as clerk of this meeting report the name of Alice C. Tifford, and she is accordingly appointed to serve for another year, or until another appointment is made.

Monthly Meetings have submitted the following names of proposed elders, -

From Westport, Annie M. Cook for 3 years,
From New Bedford, Bertha A. Manton, Ida J. Nye, Ruth T. Tripp for 3 years
and Thos. O. Hathaway for 2 yrs, beginning 1st mo/1st
Said nominations are approved, and the clerk is directed to so inform these Monthly Meetings, and that they are at liberty to make the appointments.

The committee appointed in 10th Mo. to consider the matter of recording Harold A. Manton as a Friend's minister has not brought in a recommendation. Ida J. Tripp spoke from personal acquaintance, and was in complete accord with New Bedford Mo. Mtg's concern. The committee was continued until the next Quarterly Mtg.

Two reports of Monthly Meetings were brought before us. The one from

Dartmouth (Allens Neck) presented the work of Harold Kuhn, the pastor there in the First day morning meetings and pastoral calls. Visiting Friends have brought spiritual benefit, also. Roll Call Meeting in 10th Mo. united absent members with resident. The Sunday School has had increased membership through the year, and has prospered financially contributing to many good causes, among them the rebuilding of a meeting house in Tennessee. The Daily Vacation Bible School was carried on, and in this work seven young Friends gave their services. The Young Friends have been active in other educational and religious work, and the Missionary Society has given sacrificially to the United Budget and missionary funds.

Smiths Neck Meeting has made real progress in Sabbath School activity and reorganization of classes, missionary teaching and good attendance. The young people under Mr. Deary's leadership carry on meetings for devotions and service discussion, including study of Five Years Meeting subjects. Under consecrated and able leadership young people serve the meeting as a choir. Other groups of the meeting have been especially active in good works. It is felt a real Christian sense of responsibility, and of awareness of our Lord and Master, together with a great desire to live as Christ would.

These reports were warmly approved.

Our evangelistic secretary, James A. Cooney,

also Rachel Mostrom, recently returned from Ranking, China, and Rebecca Wild, of Uniesburg have been present at this meeting.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet again in New Bedford, in the 4th Mo. Providence permitting

Alice C. Gifford Clerk

The Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at New Bedford, Fourth Mo. 12, 1941

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth, Julia W. Davey, Annie W. Gifford

" New Bedford, Rachel Mostrom, Alice W. Hilton, Mo. L. Hiller

" Sandwich, Lois H. Bowerman, Annie E. Pope

" Westport, Alice A. Macomber, who were all present

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the names of Milton B. Mosher, Lillian D. Sherman, and Harry W. Allen as elders for three years. These nominations are approved and the Clerk will inform the Monthly Meeting of our action.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight, Annie E. Fish, Oscar S. Mosher.

Reports from our particular and monthly meetings were given, verbally and in written form. They show continued growth in religious education for the youth and faithful preaching of the ~~Trustees~~ Testimonies, besides generous giving for the needs of others here and abroad. Westport Monthly Meeting has grown by the addition of eight associate members.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin who serve the Central Village meeting have been greatly used in Junior Christian Endeavor work, besides leading their young people to get the best and give their best to life. Their change of service to that of the American Friends Service work camps will be a promotion to a larger field, but leaves the meeting lonely. The loss keenly felt.

The Mattapoisett meeting the attendance has been faithful, and the meeting offers a refuge of spiritual peace and the bread of life for souls of vision who see beyond the present turmoil and strife to a better day. The Bible School tries to make effective spiritual contact with the community's youth.

From the New Bedford Meeting help has been given in a series of evangelical meetings

with some of the other churches in the city with fruitful results. Definite forward work has been done in all lines.

Allens Neck has reported an awakened and deepened spiritual interest, from the special services held by Albert L. Copeland from Western Yearly Meeting. Smiths Neck meeting joined Allens Neck in these Lenten services.

Four have been received into membership at Smiths Neck. The interest and responsibility and high ideals of life which their young people show is an ever increasing source of joy to the older members. The Ladies Aid has contributed largely to to the painting of the meeting house which the men of the meeting have accomplished. The year has been a busy one for all the groups in our church's business.

Sandwich meeting has had more members in regular attendance than usual, and there is a considerably larger meeting in the summer. Missionary work has been presented by slides with James A. Comey to interpret them. West Falmouth's condition has been unchanged.

The committee continued from last meeting to consider the recording of Harold Mostrom as a Friends' minister reported by reading a letter from Harold Mostrom himself. He wrote of his service as a lay-man, which he feels is

God's leading. If considered as a minister, this work would automatically cease. The leading of the Holy Spirit should guide. Friends spoke in commendation of his spirit and were encouraged that a young man so unduly exercised in the ministry has been called to witness for Christ in a foreign service. It was directed that a letter be sent by the Chairman of the committee and the clerk expressing the sense of the meeting in regard to his stand.

The queries have been read.

We welcome Josephine Carr, a visiting Friend, from Sykesville, Md.

No other business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet next at West Falmouth in Seventh Mo. Providence permitting.

Alice C. Tiffany, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at West Falmouth 7th Mo. 12, 1914.

The minutes have been read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings on ministry and oversight the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich, Lois H. Bowerman, Annie C. Ross.
" New Bedford Joseph L. Hiller, Lydia M. Jenney
" Westport Annie M. Cook
" Dartmouth Jennie W. Gifford, Florence Carr

All were all present except one.

The representatives from this meeting to

the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report that one was present, the other unavoidably detained. Annie Rose spoke of the Canadian Friends, Robert and Anna Edith Comfort who were acceptably present in this and other sessions of the Yearly Mtg, especially Robert Comfort in the Bible Study, and Anna Comfort in the missionary meeting. Wilbur Kamp brought a strong evangelistic message to the meeting on Ministry and Oversight stressing the kind of evangelism the Society of Friends needs.

Oscar Mostrom felt the Yearly Meeting had been a very spiritual one. Friends must feed on spiritual things if they are to achieve spiritual lives.

James Coney made three observations. (1) There was a smaller attendance of the older Friends some of whom have been taken from our midst by death. (2) One of the weighty Friends felt that there was restraint. With seventy-five new groups formed by Fellowship Council members, we are warned that we may be pulled away from our fundamentals. The democratic procedure held and there was harmony in the Yearly Meeting. (3) The older young Friends became restless, especially with reference to the morning devotional meeting, where they did not have liberty, because older Friends did not exercise restraint. Use of separation into two groups for this

devotional meeting must be presented by more prayerful thought.

Others reported helpfully, especially about Ripon Chase Post of Fairhaven. Quarterly Meeting were welcomed, Rebecca Nile of Amesbury, & Marion Goodwin, of the New Eng. Yearly Meeting now helping in the New Bedford Bible School, also Raymond Matteson who is in charge of the Central Village and Wilbur Newby, the Allen Neck M.M.

Alice Macomber brought before us the problem of the care of Juniors when parents must go early to the Yearly Friends meeting, carrying both boys.

The minutes have been read,

As no other business coming before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at Sandwich in the Tenth Mo. Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich, Tenth Mo. 11th, 1928

The minutes have read and after a correction of names, - have been approved.

By reports from our local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, the representations to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford, Chas. E. Gardner, Agnes E. Hartland

" Westport - Alice A. Macomber

" Dartmouth Francena Hiatt, Milton P. Mosher

" Sandwich, Annie O. Race, Victor B. Gifford

Albert E. Bowerman, who are present, except them. For two of these reasons for absence have been given.

We appointed Alice P. S. Bowerman, and Ida S. Tripp as a committee to bring forward at our next meeting the name of some Friend to serve as Clerk for the ensuing year.

We welcome the presence of Marion C. Gordinier of the New England Yearly Meeting also Everett Chapman and wife from Indiana Yearly Meeting, now serving at Albuquerque. Our Evangelistic Superintendent, James A. Coney, is also acceptably present.

James A. Coney, Everett Chapman, Jennie N. Gifford and Oscar Morteom gave helpful reports of the Conference of Christian Workers held during this week at Portsmouth, R. I. Those present accepted the challenge to greater service for Christ from witnesses each of the past, the needs of the Christian world of today. It was a season of spiritual recuperation and enrichment. The conference topic, Relativity in Christian Work was the Conference theme. The queries have been read.

No other business coming before us we conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford in the Third Mo. Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, First Month 10th, 1942.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

By reports from our local meetings on Ministry and Oversight, the representatives to this meeting are as follows: From New Bedford, Lillian A. Sherman, Thos. E. Gidley, Jr. S. Tiff

" Dartmouth " Florence Lare

" Sandwich Annie E. Pope, Alice Gifford

" Westport, Annie M. Cook, of whom all were present except two, who could not come on account of the weather.

The Committee appointed at our last session to bring forward the name of some Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the coming year approved the appointment of Alice C. Gifford. Friends approved this appointment.

Monthly Meetings have submitted for our approval the following names of prepared elders:

From Dartmouth, Mary S. Gifford, Florence Lare, for three years.

" Westport, Edward H. Wood for the term of 3 years, beginning 1st mo. 1942. These nominations were hereby approved and the clerk will inform the respective meetings that they are at liberty to make the proposed appointments.

Reports were read from Allen's Neck Mtg and Smith's Neck Mtg giving a resume of the last quarter's work.

It was suggested that at the Lynn Conference to be held soon, the definite attitude toward the present national emergency be considered and clarified, and that reports be sent back to the various quarterly meetings.

The queries were read and the meeting adjourned, there being no other business to come before us, we conclude purposing to meet at New Bedford in the Fourth Month Providence permitting.

Judith G. Dewey Clerk for the day

At Sandwich Quarterly Mtg on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford 4th Mo. 11 1942

The minutes of the last meeting have been read

By reports from our local meetings on ministry and Oversight the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

New Bedford, Ruth A. Tripp, Rachel Bostrom

Westport, Annie M. Cook

Dartmouth, Francena Sherratt, Milton M. Mosher

Sandwich, Lois H. Bowerman, Annie E. Rose

who were all present, except two, for whom

7 We appoint as our representative to the Yearly Meeting in Sandwich, August 28 - 31, Anna C. Hall.

reasons of absence were given.
7 Written reports from Allens Neck, New Bedford, Central Village, Long Plain and Mattapoisett, Sandwich and West Falmouth were given at this time

Westport has a student pastor whose work in the meeting, among the young people, in the community, and juniors at Yearly Meeting time has been very helpful. The Sunday School is smaller due to various conditions. The time change to before service is an acknowledged benefit. Daily vacation Bible School is a valued work of the summer. Several Members of the meeting are in the U.S. service, and soldiers of nearby camps have been entertained.

Mattapoisett has had increased attendance at Sunday meetings, and the Bible School has held its own.

Long Plain and New Bedford have attendance of outsiders and a reasonable part of their membership. Union services in New Bedford were supported by Friends and there also the giving is generous in meeting running needs. One adult class has been added to the Bible School.

Allens Neck has had two changes in ministry - all three faithfully serving the community in pastoral calls, in work among the young people and faithful preaching. The Sunday School has carried on effective work, with abundant giving. Missionary and temperance society are very active. A Junior Young Friends group has been organized during the year. The civilian Public Service camps have been helped by visiting and support.

Sandwich meeting serves the community well by religious teaching and fellowship. It

Falmouth's twelve summer services are well attended by summer residents who have a friendly outlook. (Close of reports)

New Bedford Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the names of Alice N. Howland, Ida S. Tripp and Chas E. Gardner as elders of the meeting for the three year term beginning 1st mo. 1942. These nominations are approved and the clerk is directed to so inform the No. Mtg.

Jamie Coney, our Evangelistic Superintendent is welcomed among us. He has spoken of the coming Portland Conference on Apr. 25th, when Rice and Wood, Ed. of the ~~Philadelphia~~ Friend will be present and reports are to be given of the Richmond Conference. He reported his invitation to the Richmond Monthly Meeting where he spoke on the Jamaica work. We were reminded that our giving as a Yearly Mtg. has very greatly diminished, in 1925 $26,000, in 1941 about three thousand dollars. If Friends could all see the workers and their work, we would feel that our means must be given as to something that belongs to us.

There being no further business before us we conclude by speaking to meet at Mox Falmouth in the 7th month. Providence permitting

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth, 7th Mo. 11th, 1942.

The minutes have been read.

By reports received from our local meetings on ministry and oversight, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Sandwich, Virtue B. Gifford, Albert S. Bowerman.

" Westport, Edward C. Macomber.

" Dartmouth, Jennie N. Gifford

" New Bedford, Thos. A. Tripp, Bertha A. Morton,

who were all present except two, reason of absence being given.

The representatives from this meeting to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight were in attendance. Annie E. Rose read a report of the meeting the topic before which was, "How Can We Make the Ministry and Oversight Meeting Function and serve the Church. By a dramatic presentation it was shown that Ministry and oversight meetings are held with no careful prayerful preparation, no spiritual concern for an efficient ministry, but merely in adherence to ancient custom. It was urged that the meeting should serve the present needs of our own communities and attack the personal problems of lives. Concerning the proposed merging of the ministry and oversight of this meeting with

be changed to the extent that concerned Christian workers only should be appointed to it, such Friends who have a real burden for the deepening of the spiritual life and for the character of the ministry.

Strong opposition to the elimination of overseers found voice. Their appointment should bring faithful and judicious persons to tasks of the highest moral and spiritual importance. Often their impress can be greater even than the pastor's. One pastor spoke of meetings carried on by his Min. and Oversight Mtg, an examination of the meeting program to appraise its helpfulness to others and looking for ways to improve it; also studying individual families and their needs, and planning contacts of friendliness and helpfulness

Another enjoined upon us great care, as noted in New Testament, in making appointments of elders and overseers who have offices responsibility for those astray, or in trouble and for associates

A minute from the Dartmouth Meeting on Ministry and Oversight asked the consideration and approval of this meeting in recognizing the gift of Wilbur Newby in the ministry. A committee has been appointed as required by our discipline consisting of Everett Chapman and Oscar G. Mostrom to consider his spiritual gifts and qualifications for the ministry.

A memorial to John A. Cornell from Dartmouth Monthly has been brought before us. It follows:

"On June 22, 1942, John A Cornell, of Dartmouth, Mass. passed away at the age of 73. The son of Philip A and Abbie Cornell, he could trace his ancestry through 9 generations of Dartmouth Friends, and throughout his life he exemplified the traditions of this worthy heritage. Born in the old house in which he died, he was educated in the district school at Friends School (now Moses Brown) at Providence, R.I. He served his town in many offices and was selectman for thirteen years. In recent years, as Distributor of Surplus Commodies, he endeared himself to the old and lonely citizens whom he served. Though his civic responsibilities took a major part of his time, he yet rendered conscientious devotion to the Society of Friends. At the time of his death he was elder, overseer, trustee and clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and had also held the office of Treasurer for thirty-four years. His experience and sound judgment were recognized by his long membership on the Permanent Board of the Yearly Mtg of Friends for New England. His presence and influence will be greatly missed in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting as well as in Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and his own Meeting at Smith's Neck."

Friends have spoken in appreciative terms of his gifts and friendly qualities and

service. We record our deep sense of loss and wish to express our sympathy to the members of his family. May the Master whom he so faithfully served guide and bless them in their difficult days. This minute to be sent to the family.

Annie E. Page our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight read an excellent report of the meeting.

We welcome our General Superintendent, James A. Corey, also Geraldine and Coralyn Page from Quaker St. New York, and Elam Henderson from E. Russell.

James Corey reported that he with others are attending called meetings for consideration of the draft of new disciplined. Criticisms are to be passed on to Lindley Binford.

Jennie Gifford expressed her feeling that elders, ministers and overseers should meet with James Corey sometime in the fall at New Bedford.

The queries have been read at this time.

There being no further business before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at East Sandwich in the 10th Mo. Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Sandwich 7th 10th Mo. 10th 1942

The minutes were read and approved.

By reports from our local meetings on ministry and oversight, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford, Chas E Gardner, Bertha A. Manter, Jane D. Haviland
From Sandwich, Ellen Rose
" Hartford Annie M. Cook
" Dartmouth, Jennie N. Gifford, Lillian L Shearman
who are all present, except one.

Instead of appointing a committee to bring forward the name of some friend to serve as clerk of this meeting for the coming, each one is deferred for one year, and the present clerk is appointed to serve for that time

The committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the gifts of Wilbur Newby in the matter has been given until next Quarterly Meeting to continue their work.

The absence of our general superintendent James A. Coney, who is wont to be our counsellor and strength is accepted with regret

The queries have been read. At the suggestion of the clerk several elders have spoken to the first, regarding the attendance of members and their families at meetings. Variations have created problems of interpretation that stop for the attendance, some members have [illegible] service. Some meetings [illegible] responsibility to the [illegible] first in case meetings [illegible]. We should encourage more people outside of our membership as well as the indifferent members to make sacrifices for the privilege of

freedom in worship, a most sacred right to all. We have been enjoined to think of other duties as Elders and ministers as those of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, who have been called out of darkness into light that we may show forth the praises of God.

There being no further business before us, we conclude by proposing to meet at New Bedford in the First Mo. Providence permitting.

Alice C Gifford

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at the New Bedford, 1st Mo 9th, 1943

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

From reports of our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

New Bedford, Lydia M. Johnny Alice H. Tripp

Dartmouth, Alvano C. Goddard, Lillian D Sherman

Julia G. Dewey

Westport — Hattie F. Macomber

Sandwich - Annie C. Rose, who were all present except one for whom reason of absence was given.

Monthly Meetings have submitted for approval the following names of proposed elders:

From Westport, Hattie F. Macomber

" Dartmouth, Philip H. Cornell

From New Bedford — Joseph L. Hiller, Lydia M. Jones, Thos. O. Hathaway, for the term of three years beginning 1st. Mo. 1943. These nominations are hereby approved, and clerk will inform the respective meetings that they are at liberty to make the proposed appointments.

The committee appointed to consider the qualifications and gift of Wilbur Newby in the ministry report that while his desire had been to unite with this Quarterly Meeting, he has now united with the Lutheran Church in the South.

Mattapoisett Mtg reported gifts for interned Japanese Americans, Smiths Neck of service for the Coast Guardmen at Mishaum Pt, social and religious and of the growth of the prayer & Spiritual life of the Bible School children. With the loss of their young men, the girls carry on their activities.

From Allens Neck Mtg we learn of a full program of pastoral work carried on by Everett Chapman, of the maintenance of large membership in all depts of the Bible School including many Home Dept. and Cradle Roll. This school has sent suitcases filled for British children and gifts for the Christmas of Japanese Americans. Their missionary society has met their pledge to the United Budget and the funds supporting individual missionaries. Missionary education is carried on by a program each month in the Bible School.

Young Friends and Junior Friends are helpful in social and financial ways in the meeting.

Our General Superintendent James A. Carey is present with us. He has brought us face to face with the serious financial situation with respect to our Yearly Meeting United Budget, a large part of which is necessary for our overseas work, and the evangelistic work of our Yearly Meeting. Since our last Quarterly Meeting the large monthly gift of our generous Friend, Sarah J. Swift have ceased, with her death on 11th Mo. 19th. The plan of giving a cent a meal by all Friends seems to be an easy solution to our difficulties Each local meeting must get under this burden.

Time did not permit the discussion of the problem which was postponed to the business meeting session. We conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford in the Fourth Month, Providence permitting

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, 4th Mo. 10th 1943.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are

as follows:

From Dartmouth, Phelip Cornell, Julia Dewe.
From New Bedford, Eunice Ransome, Ida S Tripp
- Sandwich, Albert S Bowerman, Virtue B Gifford
- Westport - Annie M. Cook, who were all present except one for whom reason of absence was given

In the recent death of our beloved Friend, Annie M. Cook, the Quarterly Meeting has lost an Elder of unusual devotion, a faithful steward of the gifts of God. Friends present have spoken in warm appreciation of her abundant life as a Christian, of her long service in the home and Bible School, of the unstinted hospitality of the Cook home, of her faithfulness to committee task, of her loving counsel and encouragement to youthful workers.

The annual reports of our local meetings in brief summary follow: Elmo F. Young, from Boston University is now serving Central Village meeting faithfully. The morning meeting and Sunday have felt the effects of oil rationing and gas. Quite a number of boys connected with the meeting and Sunday School are in service, reached by the pastor and others at special times. An Easter letter is being sent to all members asking cooperation in the plans for future improvement

In the meeting at E. Mattapoisett the worship meeting for refreshes and inspires. The subject of the sermon

group upon the community is felt for good, and there is a strong bond of love and helpfulness among the members. Four have been added to the meeting.

At Smiths Creek a smaller attendance is reported, but the meetings have a deep spiritual message. The women and girls have listened and dwelt with concentration. Seventy are at work in different branches of the country's service. The Bibles sent have been very active. Canteen has been provided to meet the need in case of evacuation from larger towns, and hospitality is shown service men from nearby points. The prayer spirit is evidenced in the Sunday School, and daily devotions are observed in homes

West Falmouth and Sandwich Mtgs have been contributing to the United Budget, the Civilian Public Service Camps, A.F.S.C., and special missionary needs through Monthly Meeting offerings. West Falmouth has greatly missed the spiritual service of Dr. Elihu Grant, who has passed away within the year. Their summer services are conducted by Friends ministers and others of Friendly outreach.

End of Opportunity

Our General Superintendent Jas. A. Coney and Rebecca Wild are present. Rebecca Wild has brought us news of the Amesbury Meeting and expressed her appreciation of the opportunity to worship and confer with this Quarterly Mtg.

The queries have been read, as required by our discipline.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Alice C. Gifford, and Oscar G. Mostrom.

There being no further business, we conclude, proposing to meet at New Bedford in the Second Mo. Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Oversight held at New Bedford 7th Mo. 10, 1943

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth, Lillian A. Sherman, Florence Carr, Annetta A. Smith

From New Bedford, Ruth A. Tripp, Jos. L. Hiller

From Westport, Edw. L. Macomber

Sandwich, Annie E. Rose, Lois H. Boorman

who were all present, except one, for whom reason of absence was given.

The representatives from this meeting to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight reported that there were not in attendance.

Everett W. Chapman said that the Ministry was concerned about prayer. We lose sight of the fact that we may have power to be kept from sin while yet living in a world of sin. Jesus taught that

community life would be taken care of when the individual life is right. In the Ministry and Oversight meeting we should be sharing the deepest urgings of the soul, each of us being personal responsible — "I as a member of the Society of Friends."

Albert Goddard spoke of the peace committee of the London Yearly Meeting and offered some peace literature for use.

Mia Dewey reported that the meeting was maintaining its efficiency and spirituality at Smiths Neck. On Children's Day three babies were consecrated to God in the meeting, a Portuguese, British, and a Friend of Smiths Neck. The semi-annual parish meeting has been held.

The queries have been read.

Elmer Young, pastor of Central Village meeting is present with us.

There being no further business before us, we conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford in the Tenth Mo. Providence permitting.

Alice C. Effort, Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at New Bedford, 10th Mo. 11th, 1943.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read.

By reports received from our local meetings on ministry and oversight, the representatives to

this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford, Alice N. Howland, Eunice Ransome, Alice T. Gardner

" Dartmouth Stella Davoll, Ila Gonet, Harry Allen

" Westport, Hattie F. Macomber

" Sandwich, Albert S. Bowerman, Annie E. Rose.

two of whom were absent.

Alice A. Macomber, and Bertha Morton were appointed as a committee to bring forward the name of some friend to serve as the clerk of this meeting for the coming year.

To welcome our General Superintendent, Jas. A. Coney; also Henry J. Cadbury of the Cambridge Meeting, and James and Rebecca Wild from Amesbury.

Brief reports were given from the Smiths Neck and West Falmouth meetings

Jas. Coney spoke of his feeling that to meet people's need we must be alert, to be able to speak to their condition, and help them to make a transfer from dependence on people to dependence on God. It is imperative that we adjust ourselves to present conditions, and change - be ready to meet serious needs.

Jas. Wild spoke of his renewed interest in our Quarterly Meetings when he has held Communion and prayed with us, during the four years of his absence from this Q. Mtg. He read the 133rd psalm and spoke of the Spiritual Oneness Gifford enhances that she had experienced in the second day of the new discipline Isaac

meeting, the Ministry and Oversight Mtg, or the Pastoral Committee should get together and consult of in writing comments to the Committee.

Rebecca Wild feels a great need of spiritual power the power that is available from prayer.

There being no further business we conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford in 1st Mo. Provi dence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, 1st Mo. 8th, 1908.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings on ministry and oversight the representation to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth, Lillian A Sherman, Philip M. Gifford, Mary S. Giffords.

From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose

" Westport, Hattie L. Macomber

" New Bedford, Ruth A. Tripp, Alice H. Howland,

of whom all but two were present.

Monthly Meetings have submitted for our approval the following names of proposed elders:

From New Bedford, Bertha A. Morrow, Ruth A Tripp, Ida J. Hyer

" Dartmouth, Lillian A Sherman, Willie M. Mosher, Henry W. Allen

" Westport, Mary S. Bettey.

for the term of three years, beginning with 1944. These nominations are hereby approved and the clerk will inform the respective meetings that they are at liberty to make the proposed appointments.

The committee appointed to bring forward the name of some friend to serve as clerk of this meeting for the coming year, propose the name of Alice C. Gifford. Her appointment was approved, and she will therefore serve in that capacity for one year

The clerk feels that the draft of the new discipline should claim our earnest study in the coming weeks.

Our General Superintendent, James A. Coney and Arthur Santmier of Lynn were welcomed at this time. Alvan Goddard, now residing at Amesbury returning after a considerable time was accepted by us. The new pastor at Allens Neck, Harrison Smith, was introduced to the meeting.

Jas Coney spoke of the loneliness of isolated groups like Hot Fairfield, and Springfield. The need for intervisitation is very great; it is a wonderful service, visiting groups with a spiritual message. Friends must feel a concern that no group shall feel isolated.

Arthur Santmier said that he feels need of spiritual fellowship, so he carries out intervisitation. He has found people who wish to come into

small groups that are divinely led. How could the disciples have failed their Master in his hour of greatest need for fellowship in the Gethsemane garden!

Alonzo Edgerton brought his concern that James and Elsie Coney receive the fellowship and counsel of Friends throughout the Yearly Meeting in relation to their appointment to work in Palestine. The field for service is very great here, and the need for his continued leadership undeniably great. Friends witnessed to the benefits received from his ministry, and feel assured they will be led in their decision.

There being no further business we concluded, purposing to meet at New Bedford in the 4th Mo. Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, 4th Mo 8th, 1926.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows

From New Bedford, Eunice Ransome, Bertha A. Mostrom

" Sandwich, Albert S. Bowerman, Alice C. Gifford

" Dartmouth, Milton M. Mosher, Annette Smith, Hannah W. Allen.

" Westport, Hattie F. Macomber, who were present except two.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Joseph C. Hill Jr. and Alice C. Tiffold

The annual reports of our local meetings in brief summary follow:

New Bedford have generously supported the meeting and devoted themselves to the Red Cross, A.F.S.C. local hospital and individual needs as well. The meetings for worship have been attended by new seekers. The Long Plain group are most faithful in attending meetings, some from other churches joining in the services. Cooperation with the other village churches is very helpful.

In Dartmouth too, there is faithful attendance at meetings, an increase of interest in education, and in friendly religious training has been evident leading to more cooperation with other religious groups in their work. Responsibility is felt for the larger work of Friends.

Westport Monthly Meeting reports a slight increase in membership and a good attendance at meetings in view of the numbers taken into the national service, and difficulties of transportation. The Sunday School, smaller in numbers, has done many worthy things with its offerings still, and entertained the Westport S.S. Association in Tenth Mo. Much has been done for the boys in the national service. Aid has given for education, to a member, and the United Budget has received support

No meetings were held last year in the Sandwich and Yarmouth meeting houses, but Friends of the two communities carry on Friendly activities and attend other churches as they are able, so the non-resident members attending Friends Meetings where they reside. The summer services at West Falmouth had a smaller attendance, but were very helpful to the summer group. Work has done for temperance, the A.F.S.C., Civilian Public Service, interned Japanese children. The United Budget and some missionary work has been supported.

The Friends of Allens Neck Meeting are very active in their Sunday School; they are generous in giving to various needs, not only at Christmas time, they have regular missionary and temperance programs. The Missionary Society is outstanding in giving to the Budget and missionary funds. Much pastoral work has been done. The young people, fewer in numbers, because of the war, support the meeting in every way.

The meeting at Smiths Neck has kept in close touch with the young men, absent in the national service; one of these is assisting an army chaplain. Their absence and the removal of some families has brought about a smaller attendance at meeting and Sunday School. The young people's Choir continued its helpful service. Much pastoral visiting has been done and help given to needy folk. The women's group

the meetings
carry on sewing and participate in Fellowship
programs that are educational and inspirational &c.
Our General Superintendent and Alvan C. Gifford
are present, and have spoken helpfully. Some
study of the average attendance of Friends at
meetings has been made which shows that it is very
very small. Our decline in membership was also
faced squarely. The responsibility is heavy upon us
to sow the seed faithfully, and pray it be in, as
with Coney peas in English gardens; that increase or har-
vest is given by God. The gospel seed sown in small
groups has produced great Christian leaders - Wm. Penn
and others. It was felt by Harrison Smith
that cultivation of the growing seed is vitally necessary
and among Friends there is lack of this.
The queries have been read.
There being no further business we conclude
purposing to meet in the 7th Month, Providence
permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight held at New Bedford 7th Mo. 8, 1944
The minutes of the last meeting have been
read and approved.
By reports received from our local meet-
ings the representatives for to this meeting are
as follows:
From New Bedford Agnes E. Haviland, Alice H. Tripp.
" Dartmouth, James A. Gifford, Julia J. Dewey

Ida M. Gonet
From Sandwich, Lois H. Bowerman, Alice C. Giffo
From Westport, Hattie F. Macomber, who
were present except three, reason for the
absence of one being given
The representatives from this meeting to
the Yearly Mtg on Ministry and Oversight
report that Howe was not in attendance
James A. Coney, our General Superintendent
was acceptably present at this meet-
ing. He reported for the Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight that it was very well attend
ed and visiting Friends took a helpful
part in the discussion of the
especially prevalent
eldership. Elders are not necessarily old, but
have a distinctive quality of life; an elder
must contribute to the spiritual life of the Mtg
not a negative function, but a loving positive
one, encourage and help on the spiritua
life of the meeting keeps careful watch on the
needs of its activity and ministry
Edward Goddard presented some literature
for peace.
The clerk read a large part of the printed
form of Rufus Jones' address at the opening
of the Y. Mtg. devoted to the Evangelistic
and Pastoral Committee's work. He
presented an appeal to Friends "to get
ready to demonstrate spiritual Reality
and power in our lives and our meeting

in this new crises of human history.

There being no further business and considerable prospect to meet in this Settlement, Adjourned permittedly

Alice L. Tiffany, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Mtg of Friends Ministry and Oversight held at East Sandwich 10th Mo 14th 1914.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. By reports received from our local meetings the representation to this meeting are as follows:

From New Bedford, Thos. A. Tuff, Bertha G. Potter

" Westport, Hattie F. Macomber

" East Dartmouth, Lillian A. Sherman, Henry W. Allen, Philip N. Cornell

From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose, Albert S. Boyer

Sandwich Meeting reported their ten summer evening services, began by James A. Coney on July 5th, and continued through 9th Mo 13th, with different ministers helping.

Oscar G. Nostrom and Jennie M. Tiffany were appointed a committee to bring forward the name of some Friend to serve the Clerk of this meeting for the coming year.

James A. Coney, Mr. Emil Alfred and Sarah Smith and wife from Albany Mass. came for and at this meeting

[illegible] was appointed to write a letter to our esteemed friend Lindley Binford now ill in a Portland hospital, expressing our sincere affection and earnest prayers for his recovery.

James A. Conew was concerned that as members of the Ministry and Oversight Meetings we should awake to the serious condition of Friends at this time. Instead of transforming society, we have been conformed to it. We have become merely respectable members of our communities, we are not clear as to worldliness, indifference, intolerance. He recommended our sending Rufus Jones' message, "Are We Ready" to every family in our Quarterly Mtg. It speaks to the condition of Friends on our Continent. Oscar Mostrom called to our minds, the evangelistic purpose of the founders of Smith, Mt Holyoke & Wellesley Colleges, which is not evidenced in spirit of those institutions to day.

There being no further business we conclude proposing to meet at New Bedford on the 1st Month Next, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford 1st Mo 5th 1944

In the absence of the clerk, Thos. A. Swift was appointed clerk for the day.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.
By reports rec'd from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:
From Dartmouth, Emma E. Sherratt, Jennie H. Gifford, Philip H. Cornell.
From Sandwich, Annie E. Rose, Victor B. Gifford
" Westport, Hattie E. Macomber.
" New Bedford, Thos. A. Tripp, Jos. L. Hiller.
who were all present except one.
The committee appointed at the last meeting to bring forward the name of some Friend to serve as the clerk of this meeting for the coming year are united in proposing the name of Alice C. Gifford. She is accordingly appointed to serve in that capacity for the year or until another appointment.
Monthly Meetings have submitted for our approval the following names of proposed elders.
From Dartmouth, Mary S. Gifford, Florence
From New Bedford, Alice H. Haviland, Ida S. Wright
Harry C. Inman, for the term of three years beginning 1st Dec. 1925. These nominations are hereby approved, and the clerk will inform the respective meetings that they are at liberty to make the proposed appointments.
The queries were read at this time.
We welcome the presence of James H. Wood our General Supt, George A. Walker from

the Cambridge Meeting and the Rev. James Wilcox from our Amboise Neck Meeting.

Next being no other business to come before us at this time, we conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford, in the Fourth Mo. Providence permitting

Thomas A. Smith.
Clerk for the day

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford Fourth Mo. 14, 1745.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read.

By reports from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are:

From Dartmouth, Alvaro D. Goddard, Milton M. Mosher, Lillian A. Sherman

From Westport, Edward L. Macomber.

" New Bedford Agnes E. Howland Jos. L. Hiller

" Sandwich, Annie E. Rose, Albert S. Bowerman.

who are all present with one exception, reason for absence being given.

Monthly Meetings have submitted for our approval the following names of proposed elders

From Westport, Hattie F. Macomber

From Sandwich, Virtue B. Gifford, Albert S. Bowerman, Ellen Roos.

These nominations are approved and the clerk will so inform the respective meetings.

The clerk reports the sending of Refugees' message, "Are You Ready?", in exchange with the

clerks of the Monthly Meetings on Oversight to all the Friends families of the Quarterly Mtgs.

The annual reports follow in brief summary.

In New Bedford Long Plain all meetings were held with fair attendance in spite of adverse weather conditions. The sick in homes and hospitals have received helpful calls. The Missionary Society has been very active in good works, and the Robert Barclay has continued its educational programs.

In Westport three new members have come into the meeting. The Bible School, though smaller has joined with the meetings in gifts to absent members in service, in support of the ministry, and other needy causes. The very serious damage done by the hurricane of last year has been partly repaired, absent members, neighbors and others helping generously. The United Budget is supported

Smiths Neck has regular but smaller attendance in the Sunday School, with a lack of children near by. The women's work goes on in Red Cross sewing and monthly supper gatherings. Financial aid is given to several worthy causes. Though lacking a pastor they have held some fine Friends meetings. Speakers from the New Bedford Interchurch Council have attended some meetings.

Dartmouth reports faithful ministration by the pastor, and very good attendance for the meetings on special occasions, as the roll call meeting, missionary Sunday and others, special speakers have been visiting. At Christmas time gifts to Japanese

and to men in service were sent. Much has been given to missionary work at home and abroad and serving some for American Friends Service Com. Quaker Friends have been very active in giving and service in the meeting. Twelve new members have joined the meeting.

Members in West Falmouth and Sandwich support the United Budget and other missionary work, as well as aid to the America Friends Service Com. Ten meetings were held in both of the meeting houses during the summer.

Friends in the Mattapoisett meeting are very busy in good works. The pastor brings very spiritual messages in the morning meeting.

Joseph Hiller asked our consideration of associate members, feeling they should be members among members in our statistics, also the desire to invite answers to questions regarding religious condition of the meeting. It was felt that associates are members, but should be brought into active membership as early as possible. Also that faithful replies should be given to these various matters in the life of our meetings.

Our esteemed friends, Khalil and Eva Tatah from Ram Allah, Palestine were welcomed. Hanson Smith from the Dartmouth Mtg was present. We very much missed the spiritual guidance of our Evangelist Superintendent, Jas. T. Coney.

We conclude, purposing to meet at the usual time in the Seventh Month Providence permitting.

Alice C. Tripp Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at West Falmouth July 14, 1945

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth, D. Harrison Smith, Philip H. Cornell, Annette Smith

From New Bedford, Bertha A. Bostrom, Chas. A. Treff

" Westport, Hattie F. Macomber

" Sandwich, Lois H. Bowerman who were all present.

No one present has been at the Yearly Mtg on Ministry & Oversight and could bring us a report from that. Jennie Gifford reported that at the Yr. Mtg. the question blanks for reports on the state of society have been referred to the Joint Committee.

We have present with us our Field secretary, Jas. A. Carey, (also D. Harrison Smith, from Allens Neck,) James and Rebecca Reid from Jamestown, Florence Selleck from Friends Center, Cambridge, Khalil Totah from Mattapoisett

Jas. Carey spoke of a handbook to recommend to Elders, a Quaker Hill publication

The clerk brought to the attention of the meeting Harold Chance's Survey of the Society in pamphlet form and read several of the statements from leading Friends regarding our peace teaching and practice, with accompanying questions for personal

and meeting consideration
The queries were read.
There being no further business before us,
we conclude for purposing to meet at the
usual time in Tenth Mo. Providence permit-
ting
Alice C. Gifford Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on
Ministry and Oversight (Counsel) held at
East Sandwich 10th Month 13th, 1945 -
The minutes of the last meeting
have been read.
By reports received from our local
meetings, the representatives to this meet-
ing all as follows:
From Dartmouth, Harry N. Allen, Karl H. Erick-
son, Milton M. Mosher
From New Bedford, Thos. A. Rijo, Florence C.
Hiller.
From Westport, Hattie F. Macomber.
From Sandwich, Ellen Roos Alice C. Gifford
who are present except three, for one of
whom leason of absence was given.
Annie N. Gifford and Joseph L. Hiller
are appointed a committee to bring for-
ward at our next meeting the name of
some friend to serve as clerk of this meeting
for the coming year.

Ministers who are present with us at this time are James Wild, Harrison Smith, James Wilcox and Oscar Mostrom. Our Executive Secretary James A. Coney and Elsie Coney are leaving to-day for service in the Five Years Meeting. We miss his leadership here but speed them on their journey with our prayers.

The queries have been read.

Jennie N. Gifford brought before us the literature needful at this time, pamphlets by the various commissions preparing for the Five Years Meeting, and other valuable publications.

James Wild emphasized the importance for us all to take our place in prayer with the Five Years Meeting sessions.

No other business coming before us, we conclude purposing to meet at New Bedford in First Month next, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

Sandwich Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at New Bedford, 1st Mo. 12th, 1946

The minutes of the last meeting were read corrected and approved.

Reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting and as follows:

From Dartmouth, Jennie N. Gifford, Philip A. Comer

" New Bedford, Alice N. Howland, Delia M. Butler

From Sandwich, Annie C. Fose
" Westport, Edward L. Macomber, who were present except two, for whom reason of absence was given.

Monthly Meetings have submitted for our approval, the following names of proposed elders:-

Dartmouth, Philip H. Cornell.
New Bedford, Jos. L. Hiller, Lydia M. Jenny.
Thos. O Hathaway.

These nominations are hereby approved, and the clerk will inform the respective meetings that they are at liberty to make the proposed appointments.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to bring forward the name of some Friend to serve as the Clerk of this meeting for the coming year are united in proposing the name of Alice C. Gifford. She is therefore appointed to serve in that capacity for one year, or until further apptment.

Minutes from Dartmouth Meeting on Ministry and Counsel have brought before us the names of D. Harrison Smith and Jas. Wood, whose gifts in the ministry they are united in acknowledging. A committee consisting Jos. L. Hiller, Oscar G. Mostrom, and Lois H. Bowman has been appointed, as required by our discipline to consider their spiritual gifts

and other qualifications for the ministry.

Our Field Secretary, Jas A. Coney, is present at this meeting. He has brought before us his concern for deepening the spiritual life of our meetings. A person or persons should be released to visit about in our local meetings, to conduct special meetings and attend those now being held. James and Rebecca Wild could undertake such service, Jas. Wild having the gift in pastoral visitation, and also feeling a concern of this kind. Friends present will lay the matter before their Monthly Meeting and communicate directly with Jas. Wild.

The queries have been read.

Alvan Goddard brought us a lesson from the plant world of intimate dependence upon sunshine power. Persons who are in partnership with God receive power to give benefit to others.

No further business coming before us, we conclude by proposing to meet at New Bedford in Fourth Mo. next, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at New Bedford, 4th Mo. 13th, 1946.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

By reports from our local meetings on

Ministry and Counsel are as follows:
New Bedford, - Agnes E. Howland, Joseph L. Hiller
Sandwich, — Lois A. Bowerman.
Westport, — Hattie F. Macomber
Dartmouth, — Lillian Allen, James Wilcox
of whom, all were present except one.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, Alice C. Gifford, Alice H. Macomber, and Joseph L. Hiller.

The committee appointed at our last meeting to consider the spiritual gifts and other qualifications for the ministry of D. Harrison Smith and James Wilcox had not completed their work, so the committee was continued.

Westport Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the name of Hattie F. Macomber as elder for the term of three years. The nomination was approved, and the clerk will inform the meeting that they are at liberty to make the proposed appointment.

The matter of the change of name Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to Ministry and Counsel was discussed.

Reports from each local meeting were read. Allens Neck's was concerned with the activities of the pastor, the great amount of work done, and relief for Europe's needy, given by the Missionary Society, assisted by the Young Friends Association

generously; also with developments in the Sunday School. At Smiths Neck the meeting has gone forward, and the Sunday School and aid given to worthy causes. The student pastors at Central Village have given worthy leadership in the meetings, and the young people have led in raising necessary funds for repairs and improvement of the meeting house. The Sunday School has served in relief work. The more workers are needed. The Friends of Mattapoisett Meeting have been blessed in their meetings for worship and Sunday School. Their aid in missionary work gives evidence of deep concern for the needs of unfortunate people. New Bedford Mtg desires to reach the unchurched people of the community. Other circles
The West Falmouth and Sandwich Friends have held their Monthly Meetings regularly, and do summer services in the Falmouth Meeting House. Friends are active in good works and in financial support of Friends missionary work, the Civilian Public Service and Amer. Friends Service Com. Most of the members are non-resident.
Our Executive Secretary, Jas. A. Coney and James and Rebecca Wild are with us.
There being no further business we conclude purposing to meet at West Falmouth the 7th mo. Providence permitting.
Clara C. Gifford Clerk.

Ministry and Counsel, the representatives to this meeting are as follows:
New Bedford, — Agnes E. Howland, Jas. L. Hiller
Sandwich, — Lois H. Bowerman
Westport, — Hattie F. Macomber
Dartmouth, — Lillian Allen, James Wilcox,
of whom all were present except one.
We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, Alice C. Gifford Alice H. Macomber, Joseph L. Hiller.
The committee appointed at our last meeting to consider the spiritual gifts and other qualifications for the ministry of D. Harrison Smith and Jas. Wilcox had not completed their work, partly due to the illness of D. Harrison Smith. Friends were informed that these workers had requested recognition as Friend ministers. This is not in strict accord with the practice of Friends. Both have been members but a short time, and their messages do not show full acceptance of Friends' principles. "Friends hold in especial esteem the gift qualifying for the ministry. As the gift develops, and obedience to the Holy Spirit is manifest, Friends recognize the gift and encourage its training and exercise" [Taken from our Discipline] The committee was continued.
Westport Monthly Meeting has submitted for our approval the name of Hattie F. Macomber as elder for a term of 3 years. We nomin

ation was approved, and the clerk will inform the meeting that they are at liberty to make the proposed appointment

The matter of change of name from Ministry and Oversight to Ministry and Counsel was discussed

Reports from each local meeting were read. Allen's Neck was concerned with the activities of the pastor, with relief for Europe's needy by the Missionary Society and Young Friends Association, and with developments in the Sunday School. At Smiths Neck the meeting and the Sunday School have gone forward, and aid has been given to worthy causes. The student pastors at Central Village have given worthy leadership in the city, and the young people have led in raising necessary funds for the repairs and improvements on the meeting house. The Sunday School has served in relief work. Still more workers are needed.

The Friends in Mattapoisett Meeting and Sunday School have been blessed in their work. Their aid in missionary work gives evidence of deep concern for the needs of unfortunate people. The meetings at Long Plain have been continued. New Bedford Meeting desires to reach the unchurched people of the community. Other city churches joined with Friends in a day of prayer. The West Falmouth and Sandwich Friends have held regular monthly meetings and ten more services in the West Falmouth Meeting house. Friends are active in good works and

in financial support of missionary work, Am
rican Friends Service Committee, and Civilian
Public Service - [Close of reports.]
Our Executive Secretary Jas. A. Coney, also
James and Rebecca Kidd are present with us.
There being no further business, we
conclude, purposing to meet in West
Falmouth in the 7th Mo. Providence permitting.
Alice C. Gifford, Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Counsel held at West Falmouth, 7th Mo
13th, 1946
The minutes of the last meeting have
been read and approved.
By reports from our local meetings on
Ministry and Counsel, the representatives
to this meeting are as follows:
From New Bedford - Alice Howland Macomber, Joseph
L. Hiller
From Dartmouth, - Philip H. Cornell, Jennie W. Gif
ford, Alvano C. Goddard.
Sandwich, - Alice C. Gifford
Westport, - Edward L. Macomber, who
were present with two exceptions.
Representatives to the Yearly Meeting
on Ministry and Counsel gave brief reports
of the meetings. Several witnessed to the
spiritual power that was manifest
in the sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

The Yearly Meeting has approved Part II of the proposed Discipline of the Five Years Meeting; this concerns the organization and business procedure of our meetings. It is expected this will be our guide for the coming year. Myra Gifford of this Quarterly Meeting is a member of the committee appointed to study this new Discipline, and to give a report at our next Yearly Meeting. This meeting recommends to the Quarterly Meeting the adoption of Part II as our guide for the year.

The committee appointed to consider the names of D. Harrison Smith and James Pilcock, proposed as ministers by Dalton Monthly Meeting are united in forwarding these names to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel for their consideration and action, in accordance with the new Discipline approved at our recent Yearly Meeting. The meeting did not take action on this report at this time.

Our Field Secretary, James A. Coney also James and Rebecca Wild are acceptably present with us.

We conclude, purposing to meet at Sandwich in the Tenth Month, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, Tenth Mo. 12, 1946

The minutes of the last meeting have been read. One minute was rewritten before being approved.

By reports received from our local meetings, the representatives to this meeting are as follows: From Dartmouth — Lillian G. Sherman, Philip H. Cornell, Charles T. Gifford.

New Bedford, — Alice Howland Macomber, Florence L. Hiller.

West Falmouth, — Alice C. Gifford

Westport, — Edward L. Macomber, who are present receipt two. For one of these reason of absence was given.

The minutes made at the last Quarterly Meeting, by the committee on the recognition of D. Harrison Smith and James Wilcock as ministers, that these names be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel for their consideration and action, — was rejected by the meeting. The clerk is instructed to inform the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel that the matter has been referred back to them.

The clerk submits her resignation on account of impaired health, and asks that someone be appointed to serve in her place until the new appointment is made. Jennie N. Gifford is accordingly appointed to fill out the term of the clerk

Lillian G. Sherman and Chas. T. Gifford are appointed a committee to bring forward the name of some Friend to serve as Clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

James A. Coney, our Field Secretary, also Marion Kelley from Amesbury, and James Wild are present at this meeting.

James A Coney has announced an important Quarterly Conference to be held afternoon and evening at Allen's Neck on November 1st. It is being sponsored by Yearly Mtg Committee on Meetings and Extension.

We conclude purposing to meet at New Bedford in First Month, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at New Bedford, First Month, 11th, 1947.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

Jennie Wilbur Gifford appointed to serve as clerk until the appointment of a clerk to succeed Alice C. Gifford, resigned, is unable to be present on account of illness in the family. Oscar G. Mostrom is to serve as clerk for the day.

By reports from our local meetings on Ministry and Counsel, the representatives to this meeting are:-

Sandwich - Annie E. Rose
Westport - Hattie F. Macomber and Mary S. Pettey
Dartmouth - None appointed
New Bedford - Bertha A. Mostrom and Alice W. Howland

who were present with two exceptions.

Charles T. Gifford and Lillian A. Sherman, the committee appointed in Tenth Month to bring forward the name of a Friend to serve as clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year, or until another appointment, is united in reporting the name of Alice H. Tripp. This report is approved. Since Alice H. Tripp is to serve as clerk, Oscar G. Mostrom suggests that she assume the clerkship immediately.

The following communications have been received from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, Westport Monthly Meeting, and New Bedford Monthly Meeting, respectively:-

Dartmouth, Mass.
Oct. 24, 1946.

To the Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel,-

Copy

We forward for your approval, the following names of

Friends to serve as Elders for three years - Milton M. Mosher, Harry W. Allen, and Lillian A. Sherman.

Taken from the minutes of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting held 10th mon 23, 1946.

Mary I. Gifford, Clerk

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, Dear Friends: -

At Westport Mo. Meeting held First Month 5th, 194

This meeting proposes Mary S. Pitty as an Elder for the three years beginning First Month, 1947.

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From the minutes of Westport Monthly Meeting held as aforesaid.

Edward K. Macomber, Clerk

New Bedford Monthly Meeting presents the names of Bertha A. Mostrom, Ruth A. Tripp and Ida J. Nye, for Elders for a 3 year term

These names of Friends to serve as Elders are approved and the Clerk will inform the respective meetings that they are at liberty to make the proposed appointments.

The following questions have been submitted to the clerk for consideration of this meeting :-

What is the quorum for a monthly meeting? No number is suggested. The meeting is held if the clerk and one member are present. If only the clerk is present, at Westport, the meeting is held at another time at the call of the clerk, when there is important business to transact.

Should anyone except members be allowed to attend the

meetings on Ministry and Counsel?

There are different opinions - one, that they should be allowed to come, if they are interested, but not take part; another, that it should be a "select meeting" with only members present since some discussions should not be open to all. It has been the practice to allow non-members to come into the warm meeting house instead of remaining outside in the cold. James Coney says that some Friends have wanted everybody to become interested in the work and so meetings have been thrown open and people, not members, have been welcomed. He feels, however, that the meeting for Ministry and Counsel should be kept select - restricted to ministers and elders, so that those responsible for the meeting would feel free - that the Discipline should be followed. This is approved.

Rachel A. Osborn, a recorded minister and a member of First Friends Meeting, Richmond, Indiana, is present at this meeting and brings us greetings from Indiana Yearly Meeting.

The question is raised regarding the words "Friends meeting" or "Church". Friends are reminded that George Fox was against the steeplehouse and for a group or body of people which composed the church.

The subject of dual or multiple membership being brought up, an instance has been cited where a person who was a member of a Friends meeting thirty or forty years ago became a member of an Episcopal church in Rhode Island and baptised. He also became a member of a Methodist church sometime after he had joined Friends. There are some instances of dual membership in some monthly meetings. The sense of this meeting is that dual membership is undesirable. The queries have been read.

All minds being clear, we conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford, in Fourth month, Providence permitting.

Alice Howland Tripp, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at New Bedford, Mass., Fourth Month, Twelfth, 1947.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved with corrections.

By reports from our local meetings on Ministry and Counsel, the representatives to this meeting are:—

Sandwich - Albert S. Bowerman

Dartmouth - Jennie W. Gifford and Milton W. Mosher (absent)

New Bedford - Bertha A. Mostrom and Alice W. Howland (absent)

Westport - Alice A. Macomber (absent)

of whom all are present with three exceptions.

We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to be held on the 17th of Sixth month, 1947, at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.:—

Joseph L. Hiller
Alvano C. Goddard
Alice Howland Macomber
Albert S. Bowerman
and
Edward L. Macomber

Reports on State of Society have been read. A summary follows:

In the reports on the State of Society in the local meetings, Dartmouth tells of helpful messages given by members in First Day meeting and mentions especially the presence and very acceptable messages of Alvano C. Goddard. The attendance at Sunday School continues about the same and the school has contributed to various needy organizations. There is a very faithful

missionary spirit among the members of the Missionary Society. The W. C. T. U. was responsible for the showing of temperance films to the Sunday School and to a large number of school children. The Young Friends Association is a stimulating factor in the lives of the young people and is very generous in the financial support of the meeting. Sixty-four boxes of food averaging ten pounds a piece have been sent to needy families in France and Germany, as well as seven hundred fifty pounds of clothing.

Smith's Neck Meeting has met, each First Day morning during the year. Supply speakers have taken the place of regular ministers during the winter months. Once a month the meeting was held on the basis of silence with messages by those who felt led to speak. The people in this meeting enjoy the singing of hymns. There are usually about 12 who attend meetings. There is a good attendance of children in the Bible School. The people of the community come to the Fellowship Group meetings. James Covey has helped several times with the monthly hymn singing. The members of the meeting are, for the most part, interested in the work of the meeting and show an active Christian spirit.

There has been an average attendance at Westport of forty at First Day meetings which is an improvement over former years. There have been several changes in leadership throughout the year. At one time the meeting was held according to the former custom of Friends. The older young people have organized a Friends Church Improvement Association which hopes to raise funds to call a full time minister and together with the Westport Grange, to provide for the driving of a well, on line property, which will supply water for the parsonage.

Contributions have been made to the United Budget, to the

Red Cross, and the quota has been met for the Quarterly Meeting. Yarn has been knit into garments to send to the American Friends Service Committee and clothing has been sent to the needy in European countries. One of the members of the Westport Monthly Meeting, Virginia Tripp, was given a minute to attend several Yearly meetings and minutes, with expressions of appreciation, were received in return. The Sunday School has an average attendance of thirty.

Last summer, Vacation Bible School was held with the highest attendance twenty-five. At the close, two boxes of clothing were sent to the American Friends Service Committee

One may detect in these reports a slight trend toward the unprogramed Friends Meeting. Let us hope this may grow since there is much of spiritual sustinence found in this type of meeting.

James A. Coney, Rachel A. Osborn and Alvano C. Goddard are present at this Meeting

The Queries from the New Discipline have been read.

There being no further business, we conclude, purposing to meet in West Falmouth in the Seventh Month, Providence permitting.

Alice Howland Tripp, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at West Falmouth, Mass., Seventh Month 12th, 1947. The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved. The representatives to this meeting are:-

New Bedford - Thomas A. Tripp and Joseph F. Hiller.

Dartmouth - Harry W. Allen, Robert F. Chace + Philip H. Cornell

Westport - Sophia E. Hawkes
Sandwich - Lois H. Bowerman
who are present with the exception of three.
Oliver Fraser, Rachel A. Osborn, Jackson Butler, John W. Johannaber, Robert Reach and James Wilcock are present.

A mention was made in the Report of the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel held in Fourth month, of a trend toward unprogrammed Friends meetings. Oliver Fraser thinks there is a place for both the unprogrammed and the programmed meeting.

Robert Reach hopes that, at another season, there may be a conference held in which ways may be brought out to make Quakerism meaningful to summer visitors in such places as Nantucket.

Announcements have been given of meetings to be held at Yarmouth, Apponagansett, and Pembroke.

Rachel A. Osborn found our Yearly Meeting similar to her own. There is very little difference. Friends are more alike than we think. She likes to think of us as all being alike.

It was brought out in the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel of the Yearly Meeting that we must seek to know God's will for us as individuals.

Alice Howland Macomber also felt that stress was put on the individual. Christ is not concerned with world relationships but with our personal relationship to God.

There were only three reports on state of society from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting sent to Yearly Meeting. Concern is expressed that Friends take this matter more to heart and hereafter send in better reports, carefully prepared, and as complete as possible.

A question is raised as to how many ministers there are in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. New Bedford has 2; Allen's Neck 1; Sandwich 0; and Westport 1, who is not a Friend.

Robert Reach thinks we should recognize the gift for the ministry if it exists among our young people and encourage it. Rachel A. Osborn has a tremendous concern that this gift be recognized. She feels that God calls people to-day to be ministers and we should help them to be conscious of the fact. Alice A. Macomber thinks something to be considered is the fact that Halil Totah and Wilbur Thom have been ministering to other denominations since there seemed to be no place for them to serve in Friends meetings.

The Queries have been read at this time.

All minds being clear, we conclude, purposing to meet at Sandwich in Tenth Month, if the Lord permit.

Alice Howland Tripp, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry a
Counsel held at E. Sandwich, Mass., Tenth Mo. 11, 19
The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approv
The representatives to this meeting are:—
Sandwich, Annie E. Pea
Dartmouth, Philip H. Cornell, Mary L. Gifford
New Bedford, Alice Howland Macomber
Westport, Hattie F. Macomber, of whom
four are present

We are united in appointing Betty A. Tripp, Alice Gifford, and Esther A. Howard a committee to
forward the minutes of this meeting and Esther is clerk
of this meeting for the ensuing year or until next

appointments

We are very glad to have the presence of James A. Comey, Edna Haviland, Lewis W. Hoskins, and Elsa Henderson. James Comey is deeply appreciative of being here this beautiful morning. It is a great pleasure to visit Quarterly Meeting here at Sandwich. The first monthly meeting in America was established at Sandwich. We do not appreciate enough the long-time friends who have been held continually for 187 years. He hopes this day will be marked by fellowship and spiritual understanding. Jashed Comey reported on the Young Friends' Retreat at the Barrett Farm in Fitzwilliam, N.H. especially on Ceasby Jones who told of the spiritual depth and power of young Friends.

He reported also the retreat for pastors and recorded ministers at Nehantic out of which it is hoped great things will come. He announced a Quarterly Meeting Conference of ministers and elders at Portland, Tenth Mo. 22nd, to discuss the need of ministry and its quality in our meetings. It is a concern of this that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting have such a conference of ministers and elders.

Edna Haviland feels there should be individual consecration on the part of the members of ministry and Counsel Meetings which would make us live in such a way that others would look up to us, and our meetinghouses would be filled.

Lewis W. Hoskins has been thinking of the long

long history of Friends, of the long distances
his father traveled, to attend meetings, and of
the fellowship which was united through the meet-
ings, and sometimes continued for three days.
We invoked the blessings of God upon us as we
learn together and worship together.

Elder Hayford recalled other times of visita-
tion in Sandwich
[illegible] gone by, and other such Quarter-
ly Meetings as Lewis Hoskins mentions in which
inspiration for the work of the church was rece
Jennie H. Tifft approved the Quarterly Meeting
Conference of ministers, elders, and overseers to
consider the ministry and its trends. A com-
mittee for this conference was appointed
Lewis H. Hoskins, Alice H. Tripp, James A. Carey, Rob-
ert Chase, Eunice C. Ransome, Edward M. White,
Edward L. Macomber, Annie C. Rose.

The queries have been read.

No further business coming before us, we
conclude until First Month, 1948 - if the Lord permi

Alice Howland Tripp, Clerk
by A.C.G.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Counsel, held at New Bedford 1st Mo. 18th 19
The minutes of the last meeting have been read
Edward L. Macomber has suggested that Alice
C. Gifford act as clerk for the day, Alice H. Tripp
being recently deceased.

Friends are united in asking Alice C. Giffor

and Jennie H. Gifford to write a minute record our deep sense of loss in the death of our beloved clerk, Alice H. Tripp, and appreciation of her service. A copy of this minute shall be sent to her family.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are:
Dartmouth, - Annette A. Smith, Phillip H. Cornell
Westport, Hattie F. Macomber
Sandwich, Laura C. Moore.
New Bedford none appointed due to a change in the date of meeting. Of the above, one was absent.

James A. Carey, our Field Secretary, was present and reported briefly on three conferences of Ministry and Counsel Friends, held at Portland, Worcester, and New Bedford near the close of the year. The report prepared by Betsy Hoskins follows. (on next page)

The committee appointed to bring forward the name of some Friend to serve as clerk of this meeting report the names of Alice C. Gifford as clerk, and Mary S. Gifford as assistant. They are accordingly appointed for one year or until further appointment.

Jennie H. Gifford also [illegible] Johannaber and wife spoke further of the [illegible] sharing of insights and problems & note of great encouragement was given.

We conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford, in the Fourth month Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk for the day.

CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING OUR MEETINGS

It is suggested that the first step necessary to improve our meetings is to make sure that we BEAR FRUIT. Why do we not have more power- more convincements, conversions and committments? There is a lack of sharing our religious experiences and an inability to share the experiences that we do have. We need more prayer meetings.-- Prayer changes things. The Church must be a praying band. We have failed to follow Friends testimonies and have not followed the non-violent way. Education is important in producing Quakers. Without preparing the ground there will be little fruit.

There is a problem of trying to have Quaker fruit with non-Quaker ministers. Is this possible? Intimate corporate group living is the seedbed of good Christianity. People outside of Christianity take the ethical capitol of our Christian faith, but they do not take God into their lives. They are the good men of this age, but they lack the motivation to higher living. The motivation must be the Spirit .

The Church must be joyful and the members prepared to give as well as receive. What can we do to prepare ourselves for worship? In worship we should gain sense of direction and guidance for the week ahead. Too many of us do not actually meditate- we just sit. Prayer for the minister important for the meeting, if the minister is to do his best. There should be instruction of the meeting by the minister concerning worship. There should be the use of devotions in the home. If this were done the meaning of the service of worship would take on new meaning.

Do the Elders and Overseers take their responsibility seriously Do they actually function? Do they anticipate situations and function to the right degree only? Loving understanding is the key to proper functioning. How often do our meetings meet?

Evening Meeting

Meeting for worship should be held in the life of the Spirit. True worship is a key to success of the meeting. If we do not get something out of a meeting it may be our own individual fault. If there are enough concerned people the meeting will live. The Quaker concern is vitally important. The condition of our Church has been vitally affected by two world wars. It will take real dedication to revitalize the spiritual life of the church. When we find reality in our meeting- when we find something in our meetings, then people will come to the source of our power and worship with us. This revitalization requires a vital religious experience, a concerned conviction that the Kingdom must move forward and that we must do our part in making His Church a more real part of the Kingdom of God. We can receive power from Him only when we are willing to give our lives to his service.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at New Bedford, 4th Mo 10th 1943.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth, Lewis H. Hoskins, Philip H. Cornell
" Sandwich, Annie E. Rose.
" New Bedford, Joseph L. Hiller, Ruth Taber
" Westport, Hallie F. Macomber.

who were present with one exception, reason of absence being given.

The minute prepared in appreciation of Alice H. Tripp was acceptable to Friends. It was as follows: "In the death of Alice H. Tripp the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has lost an able clerk and the Society of Friends in this region a consecrated and devoted worker. She was a faithful steward of the gifts of God. We record our appreciation of her friendly virtues and her service among us, and we commend her family to the consolation and care of the Master whom she so faithfully served."

Monthly Meetings have submitted for our approval the following names of proposed elders:

Dartmouth, — Florence E. Carr, Peter J. Chase, Mary H. Gifford
New Bedford, — Alice N. Haviland, Ida S. Tripp, Esther L. Almy
Sandwich, Hattie B. Gifford, Albert J. Penniman, Ellen Rose.

(2) We appoint as our representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, Alice C. Gifford, Lewis H. Hoskins.

(1) These nominations are hereby accepted and the clerk will inform the respective meetings that they are at liberty to make the proposed appointments.

Annual reports from the local meetings follows: In Allen's Neck the services of Lewis H. and Betsy Hoskins and daily devotional and instructive to many. The attendance has increased in the morning mtg. Two new groups, a High School group and one for the older young people, have been started. The Sunday School continues the Golden Rule, Salvation Army, and International Bible Friends activities. Allen's Neck Friends have aided some families in Friends Inn Orphanage and Training, and the A.F.S.C. work in general. The Missionary Society and W.C.T.U. continue their work.

Friends in Smith's Neck carry on meeting for worship in the spirit of faithfulness altho' attendance is small. The church is vital in inspiration. The 125th anniversary celebration during the year gave great encouragement to carry on the spirit of the past faithful membership.

West Falmouth and East Sandwich local mtgs have held services in the Un

mer months, with helpful messages from Friends and non-Friends preachers. The resident membership is small. These Friends faithfully support the United Budget, Young Friends work, A.F.S.C. and other educational work of Friends.

Westport is effectively ministering to the needs of the community with the pastorate of a Boston University theological student. 15 new members have been added. Generous support is given to the United Budget and other educational Friends' work, also the A.F.S.C. New aids to worship have been purchased, hymn books and organ. A women's community group has been formed to promote benevolence at home and abroad. The different S.S. groups are active and well-instructed. The Vacation Bible School, well in union with a neighboring church was very successful. "The S.S. must still be the best factor in Christian education, and it needs more teachers willing to sacrifice time on Sunday for the upbuilding of the Church."

Wallapoinkett Friends have an encouraging interest in work with youth through the Bible School, with good results. The Swansville home worked consistently to help the needy. Young people have been instructed about the meeting for worship, and some attend. Members are seeking to fulfill their obliga

tion to God, thru service to the meeting, to Friends everywhere and to the community.

In New Bedford Meeting, the services have been led by a retired Clergyman, not a Friend, for the past few months. The spiritual condition there is apparently good. Missionary and Church Aid Society have sent much clothing to the Amer. Fr. Service Com. and to Friends in Tennessee. Meetings at Long Plain have been interrupted during the winter by severe illnesses and very severe weather. Oscar Mostrom has done some visiting.

End of reports

Discussion followed regarding these reports, which is if we adopt the new discipline would cease. Friends were united in the plan to continue them.

Our Field Secretary James A. Coney is present with Elsie Coney, and Russell D. Brooks from Dover Mtg. As is clerk there of the Ministry and Counsel Meeting also resident minister. He feels there is an upswing in attendance in our meetings. We must not to impressed by numbers, rather work for building Christian lives. Friends have welcomed the message of Russell D. Brooks and the clerk will send a minute to Dover Mtg in Ministry and Counsel in grateful recognition of the visit of Russell D. Brooks.

The queries have been read.

We are united in the concern to have

the minutes of the Yearly Mtg on Ministry and Counsel in full, printed in our Yearly Mtg. minutes. The Clerk will send a minute expressing this concern to Clerk of that meeting. We know this meeting to be to be a vital part of the Yearly Mtg and its work should be well recorded.

There being no further business, we conclude purposing to meet at West Falmouth in the 7th Mo. Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel at Falmouth, 4th Mo. 10th, 1945

The minutes have been read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are:

Dartmouth — Harry W. Allen, Annette A. Smith, Philip M. Cornell.

Sandwich, — Mary B. White.

Not part, — Edward L. Macomber, who are present with one exception.

A minute from the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has brought before us the name of Lewis W. Hastings, whose gift in the ministry they are united in acknowledging. We appoint Robert C. Chase, Edward L. Macomber, and Alice C. Gifford a committee to appraise the general fitness of Lewis W. Hastings, of the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting

asks us to record as a minister

We welcome Samuel L. and Evelyn Haworth of Guilford College, N. C. He has spoken of former services in our Yearly Meeting, and also of their Yearly Meeting soon to convene, the second Sixth day in 11th M.

Our Field Secretary, Jas. A. Carey is accepta with us. He has brought us from the Yearly Meting the dissatisfaction felt regarding the spiritual condition of our meetings. He expressed the opinion that we do not report exactly on spiritual things, because we do not reach the standard, and are afraid to say what our defects are. If we put the same effort into spiritual undertakings, as in raising funds for material needs, our state would rise. More participation in our meetings for worship by Friends generally has been urged upon us.

The representatives from this meeting to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Council have reported their attendance and have given brief reports. The concern (to have the Yearly Mtg on Ministry and Council reported in entirety in the Yearly Mtg minutes) sent up by this meeting was favorably received, and brought before the Yearly Mtg

Louis M. Hawkins spoke of the office of the Minister and Council Meeting. The advance

into higher life can only come as we respond to the challenge it makes to us. It is Office of this meeting on Ministry and Counsel to bring that challenge before us

Evelyn Haworth told us how their meeting sought to learn the spiritual needs of their Community and then serve the needy members especially, which built up the spiritual life of the Meeting

The queries were read.

He conclude, purposing to meet in Sandwich in the 8th Mo., Providence permitting

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held at Sandwich, 10th Mo. 9th, 1948

The minutes of the last meeting have been read

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth, - Robert P. Chase, Hetty A. Tripp, Thomas H. Hoskins.

From Sandwich, Laura C. Moore

" Westport Hattie F. Macomber

" New Bedford, Oscar G. Bottom, Lydia C. Jenney who were present with our exception.

We appoint Mary J. Gifford, and Alice H. Macomber as a committee to bring forward the name of some friend to serve as clerk of this meeting for the coming year.

The illness of our beloved friend, Thos. A. Tripp has been brought to our attention. The clerk is asked to write to him, conveying our concern for his health, and our love. We shall be watchful to do whatever we can to hasten his recovery. He has been greatly missed in our meetings.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the gift in the ministry of Lewis H. Hopkins reports that it is their unanimous conviction that he is well qualified by training in Friends principles, and by his Christian character, as well as by having spiritual gifts, to be recorded as a minister of our Society. Friends united with this report, and the clerk is directed to inform Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of our action.

Our Field Secretary, James A. Comey, spoke with earnestness and deep feeling of the spiritual significance of this recording as minister of Lewis H. Hopkins. Said Friends have no impressive formal ceremony for this event, our membership should express our love, friendship and reverence toward him on this occasion, that he may always remember this day.

James A. Comey's summer travel gave him a share in other yearly Mtgs, and he worked in a Friends Project camp of the Canada Yearly Mtg. At Western Yearly Mtg where he gave the daily devotional message he found Friends devoted to the task of missions. He made a plea for

financial aid for the African missionaries
going out, and those retired coming home.

Lester H. Hoskins reported on the Missionary Conference of New York and New England Yearly Mtgs. at Oakwood Schools, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. attended by several, including James A. Davis & Lester H. Hoskins from New England. How can we bring spiritual life into our meetings? How can we use the resources of this complex cultural age? were matters before the conference. Not one or two persons, but the lives of our meetings should have these great spiritual experiences.

Edwin and Dorothy Tuttle, members of London Yearly Mtg were welcomed in this meeting. They have been living for sometime in the Agora of this Quarterly Mtg. engaged in work at a scientific research institution at Woods Hole.

Chas. Brenner and his wife, Ida who have come recently to work in New Bedford Meeting, were welcomed. They were formerly workers in Fall River.

We conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford in First Month, Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at New Bedford 1st Mo. 8th, 1949.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

By reports received from our local meetings the representatives to this meeting are as follows:

From Dartmouth, Mary D. Gifford
Florence E. Carr
" Sandwich, Annie E. Rose, Alice C. Gifford
" Westport, Hattie F. Macomber

who were present with two exceptions, reasons for absence being given.

Dartmouth No. Mtg. submitted for our approval the names of Milton M. Mosher, Harry N. Allen and Liliana A. Sherman to serve as elders. From New Bedford No. Mtg. the names of Joseph L. Hiller, Lydia M. Tenney and Hugo O. Rathaway to serve as elders. The nomination of these friends was approved and the clerk will inform the meetings that they are at liberty to make the appts.

The Com. to nominate for this meeting, Mary D. Gifford, Chm., brought in the name of Winfield Macomber for clerk and Hatty A. Tripp for Asst. Clerk, to serve for one year or until another appt. Approval was given and recorded, with notices sent.

Our Field Secy., Jas. A. Tenney informed us of the coming visit, with a religious concern of Errol T. Abbott. If Sandwich Quarterly Mtg. Friends are interested, we might meet with him at some central place like New Bedford in the week of Feb. 22nd. A Com. consisting

of Chas. Mosher, Robert Chace, Jno. L. Hiller and Edw. L. Macomber were appt. to make the necessary arrangements for Feby. 21 st.

A report written by Ida Mosher was presented covering the Gen. Mtg. Conf. held at Ellis Neck Nov. 11 th, 1949. Other Friends added their thoughts about the subject, "Our Retreats."

The Queries have been read.

No further business coming before us we conclude, purposing to meet at New Bedford in 4th Mo., Providence permitting.

Alice C. Gifford, Clerk.

Sandwich Quart.Mtg. on Min.& Counsel held in New Bedford,4th Mo.,1949:

The Clerk read a poem entitled,"My Prayer" taken from a very old volume.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

By reports rec'd. from local mtgs. the reps. to this meeting are as follows:
Dartmouth--Robert F.Chace,Lillian A.Sherman
Sandwich--Albert F.Bowerman,Lois H.Bowerman
Westport--Hattie F.Macomber
New Bedford --Agnes E.Howland,Esther Inman
who were present with one exceptions,no reason given.

Reps. to the Yearly Mtg. of Ministry & Counsel were chosen as follows:
Alice Howland Macomber
Alice C.Gifford
Chas.Messner
Lewis W.Hoskins
Edw.L.Macomber

The Monthly Meetings submitted the following reports which have been partially summarized:
Smith Neck reports meetings held every Sunday and the Sun.Sch.well attended. Through the death of their pastor,James Wilcock,typical Quaker meetings were held,also services conducted by other pastors,until the coming of Lewis W. Hoskins of the Allens Neck Mtg.Money was given to the AFSC.,Red Cross, Salvation Army,Neediest Family Fund and the Birthday Box money went to the Friends Tenneesee Mission.The Ladies Aid sewed for the AFSC.Though a small meeting the spiritual report is much to be commended for each member is working for Christ's kingdom on earth and in this community.A most hopeful asset is the number of young people growing up in Smiths Neck Mtg.and being taught in the Quaker way of life.

Allens Neck reports:Regular Sunday morning meetings for worship are held with Lewis W.Hoskins as pastor whose messages are helpful as are also the periods of silentworship beneficial to all.Special services at Easter and Christman were assisted by a well-trained choir.The Sun.Sch. is active and attendance has be increased by several young people and children through whom we hope to work. Contributions went to the Red Cross,Salvation Army,Volunteers of Am.,Care pkgs.of food to our four families,three in France,one in Germany,also clothing and some to the AFSC.The Missy.Socy.while small is active especially in raising funds. A new Fellowship group meets monthly,and a Young People's Group twice a month. A series of Missy.suppers were held which not only helped financially but gave us fellowship with others.The WCTU.is actively working out projects.

Sandwich:The member of Sand.Mo.Mtg. live in friendly relationship with one another and their community.Monthlu Mtgs. are held regularly byt Sunday morning meetings only in the summer months,guided by local preachers and guest speakers.The Monthly Mtg. is faithful in support of the United Budget and sent offerings to the Young Friends Fellowship,Am.Friends Fellowship,Council of Natl.Legislation,Friends World Com.,Indian work,Jamaica Education Fund, Japanese Friends Educational Project,Friendsville Academy,Friends Neighborhood Guild,and clothing to the AFSC.Our women Friends help in the local WCTU, and non-resident Friends are active in the churches they attend.

New Bedford:Long Plain has a meeting for worship the first Wed.of each month, Oscar G.Nostrom,leader who reports a good attendance and interest. Mattapoisett Sun.Sch. has an enrollment of 40 and an av.att. of 27.Mtgs. are held regularly

Sandwich Quart.Mtg. on Min.& Counsel held in New Bedford,4th Mo.,1949:

ALICE HOWLAND MACOMBER
WORLD TRAVELER, LECTURER & WRITER
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April 9, 1949

A copy taken from the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Mtg., held at New Bedford, 4 mo. 9, 1949:

The names of Mary S. Pettey and Corina M. Gifford to serve as elders for one year;
and Ho. Wood and Elvira O. Chichester for two years;
William L. Smith and Sophia E. Hawkes for three years, submitted to the Sandwich Quarterly Mtg. of Ministry and Counsel, were approved and the clerk directed to notify the Westport Mon. Mtg. they had at liberty to make the appointments.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk.

under the leadership of Earl Wilson.New Bedford Spring St. Mtg. for worship is held regularly with a growing,interest and att. under the leadership of the new pastor,Chas.Kessner,who also conducts a Bible Study Class.Agnes Howland reported that an overnight request produced forty five gifts for Indian children in Oklahoma by the Womens Missy. and Church Aid Socy. which under Ida Kessner id doing a fine work with rapidly increasing productivity.Having the new parsonage so graciously an open house is a great incentive to all phases of the soc social life of the meeting.

Westport:The Vacation Bible Sch. with an enrollment of ninety two,and a perfect att. of seventy two,held for two weeks with a staff of 13 local teachers,was held in the Church,the Community House and Grange Hall,with transp.furnished by parents and friends of the children.Under Pastor John Johnnaber,who also serves at Westport Point,and Mrs. Johnnaber,the church has progressed favorably.Bibles were given to Sun.Sch.pupils and money sent for Bibles to Mabel Francis,formerly of Central Village,now in Japan.Virginia Towle and husband are preparing for Norway at Woodbrook.The Womens Comm.Guild has purchased dishes and chairs for Comm.House and sponsored conferences and transp.to the clinic held in the Town Bldg.Knitted goods have been sent to the AFSC?$35.40 to the United Budget,$5 toward an organ in Jamaica.At Christmas time pictures of the church were placed on a calendar and sent to non-residents, former pastors and friends.A letter was sent to Sen Saltonstall re.the deplorable conditions of the Navajo Indians.The Collection of Mar.27th ofr the ~~Great Hour~~ One Great Hour as $48.60.The Sun.Sch. has had an av.of 41 with ~~the~~ an active Primary Dept.who were given a picnic at Edaville.A boys and girls teen-age class is maintained and the space between age and youth supplied by Pastor & Mrs. Johnnaber with their Youth Clubs

The Queries were read from the New Discipline.

We conclude purposing to meet at West Falmouth in 7th No.,Providence permitting.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at West Falmouth,Mass.,7/91

A period of prayer and reverent devotion was followed by the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting,which were approved and are now recorded.

The following representatives were appointed from the local meetings on Min.& Cousel to this meeting:
Dartmouth:Harry W.Allen,Robt.F.Chase
New Bedford;Alice Howland Macomber,Lydia Jenney,Jos.L.Hiller,Chas.W.Mesner
Sandwich;Lois Bowerman,Alice C.Gifford
Westport:Edw.L.Macomber all of whom were present with 2 exceptions,no excuse given.

The representaives to the Yearly Meeting of Min.& Counsel were:Alice Howland Macomber,Chas.W.Mesner,Edw.L.Macomber,Lewis W.Hoskins,Alice C.Gifford,all of whom were present with 2 exception for whom excuses were given.

A report on the Yearly Meeting of Min.& Counsel was given by Rep.Chas W.Mesner and Rep.Alice Howland Macomber,who also read an excerpt from an address by John.J.Kelley,Pres.of Bridgewater State Teachers' College.His plea to the graduates was for them to become responsible individuals,self-disciplined,saying that what we needed most,the people of this country,the people of all the world, was to become spiritually restored,to have the ancient integrities set up again, when every problem will settle itself.

The welcome presence of Alvin and Maggie Hoskins of Iowa Yearly Meeting,parents of our Lewis W.Hoskins,minister at Allens Neck and Smiths neck,who added much to the interest.Alvin Hoskins stated he had been a pastor in Iowa Yearly Meeting for 47 years,now retired,and had transferred his membership to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting.He felt while Western and Eastern Meeting methods might differ,we are both working for the same cause and that members of this Meeting of Min.& Counsel are the Friends upon whom rests the advancement of the kingdom of Christ on earth.

Oliver Fraser of Worcester,Smithfield Quarterly Meeting,was also a guest among us,remembering that Alvin Hoskins,Charles W.Mesner and himself were all raised on the same Pleasant Plains in Iowa.He felt the drawing together of Friends,the recent joining of the 2 branches of Friends had greatly increased our usefulness.

Alice C.Gifford regretted the absence of James and Rebecca Wild,beloved by Allens Neck,who would have so liked to be with us.Those who attended Yearly Meeting the pleasure of a short visiting with Rebecca Wild.

Chas.W.Mesner thought this Meeting of Min.& Counsel needed a working onjective,a motif we would all be interested in and discuss with mutual helpfulness.He suggested that the Clerk appoint some one,who had gone further along the way,to bring forward at our next meeting,a Bible topic along the line of this Meeting's needs,for our information and discussion.

Jennie W.Gifford remembered how Jamws Wild had often done that most acceptably for Allens Neck.

Helen Hiller of Mattapoiset said that plan had been used in Flushing,LI.Meeting with good results.

Oliver Fraser said that as a boy he remembered Friends who journeyed through the country,not only holding meetings,but visiting in the homes of Friends, welcomed and respected guests,when all work stopped,the farmer left the plough in the field,to hear the Scripture expounded.

Chas.W.Mesner said that our forbears gave us a good start and that we must pass on the burning torch to others,that way lies life itself.

Notices were given of the annual meeting to be held at Apponegansett the last Sunday in July;also a Conference(joint) at the Oakwood School, of the New England and New York Yearly Meetings,in Sept.Date to be announced.

The Clerk read the Queries from the Discipline adopted at the recent 289th Session of NE.Yearly Mtg. held at Andover,Mass.,stating that there were 2 omissions,one occurring in Query 1,where the last half of the last sentence is omitted;the other in Query 2,where the last sentence is omitted.Queries 3&4 are unchanged.

The July Meeting of Ministry & Counsel ,permeated with a warm and helpful spirit of working together for wider outreach,concluded to meet at East Sandwich in 9th Mo.,God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

The Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry & Counsel ,with an unusually large attendance,was held at Sandwich,10th Mo.8th,'49.

A period of devotion was followed by the reading of the Minutes by the Clerk which were approved and will be recorded.

The representatives chosen by the local mtgs. on Min.& Coun. were:
Dartmouth: Philip H.Cornell,Jennie W.Gifford
New Bedford:Della M.Butler,Alice Howland Macomber,
Lydia M.Jenney,Jos.L.Hiller
Sandwich:Annie E.Rose
Westport:Sophia Hawkes,Earl Wood
who were present with one exception.

The permanent absence was noted with regret,of Lewis W.Hoskins,minister at Allens' neck and Smiths' Neck;Betsey his wife;Alvin and Maggie Hoskins, parents of Lewis,who is now serving the Friends Meeting at Leesburg,Ohio.

The Meeting was happy to greet the new minister at Allens' neck, David Ensign,wife and baby son,introduced by Chas.T.Gifford.

Our good friends,Edward & Dorothy ~~Fowle~~ Jowell of Woods Hole were also present.

Another welcome guest was our Field Secretary,James A.Coney,who was asked to speak on the recent Conference held at Poughkeepsie,NY.,at the Oakwood School.He said it was an annual Conf. of ministers and workers,uniting the New York yearly Mtg. in fellowship with New England Friends,also two from Canada.Moses Bailey,Prof. of Old Testament History at Hartford,was the principal speaker,often in Palestine,and gave five lectures on "The Environment of Jesus". There were also five book reviews of volumes dealing with our church life.The Field Secretary also spoke of the new Five Years Meeting program,to run five years,entitled "Advance With Christ"-also the Secretary's topic at the Conference-which will be directed by Harold Tolliver who takes up his residence at Richmond,Ind.

Chas.W.Mesner,who also attended the Conf.,evaluated its worth to workers,and was pleased,as a non-resident for some time,with the opportunity to exchange views with new and old Friends.

Alice Howland Macomber,who has written for the Committee a report of the Conference to appear in the American Friend,was asked to speak on the Palestine session conducted by Levinis K.Painter,Ruth Replogle and others, recently returned from there.

The Women's Missionary Com.held a Conference on Saturday and Sunday preceding the Workers' Conf.,which was poorly attended and proved an inopportune time to have held it.

A Nominating Com.was chosen to bring forward at the next meeting, the names of Friends to serve as Clerk and Asst.Clerk,and is:
Chas.T.Gifford
Edw.L.Macomber
IdaM.Mesner

At the previous meeting of Min.& Coun.,Chas.W.Mesner was appointed by the Clerk to present a subject for discussion at the Fall session,so he spoke on the study of the Psalms as outlined in the Penn Quarterly since July, and interpreted most helpfully by our own Friends' writers,Jas.A.Coney,Leila Marstaller,Raymond Binford and others.He reported a meeting held in New Bedford on First Day evening,Oct.2nd,attended by about fifty Friends from Allens Neck, Smiths Neck,Westport, Pattapoisett and Long Plain,when the Bible Study Class, presented a paper on the Nature Psalms prepared by Alice Howland Macomber;fine music by Ida M.Mesner,soloist and by the Male Quartet of Smiths Neck;the singing of Nature Songs,followed by a social hour with refreshments.This did so much to step-up the entente cordiale of the Quarterly Meeting,that a second meeting,to which all are invited,will be held on Oct.23rd,when the Acrostic Psalm will be presented.

Jennie W.Gifford spoke to this subject,feeling that articles written by Friends we know as in the Penn Quarterly,mean much to us,and also gave an appreciation of the Penn Teachers' Monthly supplied to Allens Neck SS.teachers.

With the reading of the Queries,the meeting closed to meet in New Bedford,1st Mo.next,God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

Jan. 1950

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at New Bedford 1st. month 14th 1950.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The representatives from the local meetings on ministry and Counsel were from New Bedford, - Della Butler, Esther Inman, Alice W. Howland, Jane Howland, Lydia M. Jenney and Eunice Ransom,

from Westport - Sophia E. Hawkes

" Dartmouth - Florence E. Carr
Mary D. Gifford

Of these only four were present.

The nominating committee which was appointed to bring forward names of Friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk recommend the names of Alice Howland Macomber for clerk and Hettie A. Tripp as assistant clerk

After a period of silence the Clerk read an Easter message emphasizing that the Easter experience will have been in vain unless we are more sympathetic brethren, more generous benefactors, more steadfast witnesses.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The representatives chosen by the local metatings were:
Dartmouth--Lilian A.Sherman,Philip H.Cornell
Central Village--Earle H.Wood
Sandwich-- Annie E.Rose
New Bedford--Joseph Hiller,Jane D.Howland,Julia Almy,Alice Howland Macomber
Of these three were absent
In checking on these absences,the Clerk learned that these representatives had not been notified.As this lapse has been noted before,a reminder to local clerks would seem in order that representatives may not be blamed for lacking responsibility.

Reps. to the Meeting of Min.& Counsel.were:
Alice Howland Macomber
Charles W.Mesner
David Ensign
SophiaE.Hawkes--all of whom attended

The reports on the Spiritual Condition of Local Meetings were read in full, sent on to the Quarterly Meeting,and a summary follows:

The growth in membership,in attendance at Sunday School,increase in missions and AFS work and cash contributions were noted appreciatively by Field Secy.Jas.A.Coney,though Sandwich Mo.Meeting felt that the testimony for somplicity by Friends is less clear than others.

Allens Neck had excellent cooperation in the reconditioning of their meeting house damaged by fire and envisaged a new hall soon.

Central Village regretted the loss of John W.Johnnaber,their pastor, who goes to Sioux City,Ia.,after a service so satisfactory to them.

New Bedford,under Charles W.and Ida mesner,has increased in attendance and established a flourishing Bible Study Class with a Home Study division.

Smiths Neck had an encouraging year in general growth,with a Young Friends Evening meeting weekly under Donald McLeod.

Field Secy.Jas.A.Coney spoke of the very acceptable service in New England meetings,in Maine and eventually in Canada,of Philip and Virginia Towle who are showing fine pictures in color of their recent working year in Europe.he also had a concern re. the coming Yearly Mtg.on Min.& Counsel where he is Chm. to arrange a panel discussion about the small attendance and lack of faithful attendance which is letting our mtgs. down.At a pastoral meeting the member sits and is entertained,who ought to be contributing to it.At a semi-pastoral mtg.,like Lawrence,the pastor preaches only and the members carry on. April HOLIDAY had a picture article showing a group of Phila.Friends gathered in a circle,each participating informally through prayer and meditation."How shall we get more people to attend?"he asked.

"Jesus came preaching," Chas.Mesner said,and that is the kind of a ministry we need alomg with ministry of personal help;the ministry of evangelism;the ministry of social action(the AFSC);the ministry of music young

Jas.Coney,Jos.Hiller and Sophia Hawkes reminded of the now nationally-known ministers and workers who had their apprenticeship in Sandwich,Qt.Mtg.;Clarence Pickett,Eldon Mills,Wilbur Thomas,Khalil Totah,and regretted that we were unable to hold them,advising that if one of them wanted to return to us,as does KhalilTotah,we should raise the money to get him.

Jennie W.Giffors said that Paul wrote that all members of the body were important;that we must be faithful in doing well and when needing help, pray in faith and the prayer will be answered.

After the reading of the Queries by the Clerk followed by excerpts from the Am.Friend of that week especially appropriate apropos of the discussion on Min.& Counsel,the meeting concluded to meet in West Falmouth in 7th,Mo.,God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

At Sandwich Qtly.Mtg.~~of Ministry & Counsel~~ held in W.Falmouth,7mo.8th,'50

After a period of silence,the Minutes of the last mtg.were read and approved.

The Reps. to this mtg.were:
Dartmouth--Annette Smith,Donald McLeod
W.Falmouth--Lois H.Bowerman,Annie E.Rose
New Bedford--Chas.W.Mesner,Jos.LHiller,Esther Inman,Alice Howland Macomber
Central Village--Sophia E.Hawkes
who were present with two exceptions,excuse given for one.

Chas.W.Mesner,reporting for the Yearly Mtg.of Min.& Counsel,said the emphasis as brought out by the panel discussion,Jas.A.Coney,Chm.,was on the local mtg., especially the Monthly Mtg.,that it must be built up and strengthened but that there was not too much explanation of how it was to be done.

Jas.A.Coney spoke of the value of the fully recorded Minutes,which are for the generations yet unborn.He thought also the panel discussion was well done, but that possibly the importance would have been better brought out if the speakers had interrogated each other,but the lack of time invariably curtails the best endeavors,yet the central theme ,the keynote of the Yearly Mtg. ran through and permeated all sessions.His concern was how to get more members,for next year our loss of membership will be greater as we have lost two meetings,and already the loss by death(July) is 20.He felt that we cannot increase membership by mechanical means,but that we CAN reach people if the meeting shows life--then the people we want to reach will come in.So the discussion must be,"How can we have a deeper life?"That the member must be prepared before coming to meeting;not to depend entirely on the pastor;or on those who are expected to have a message.We should prepare during the week for the worship hour,with time for reading;be familiar with helpful texts;spend much time in prayer.If we are thus concerned,Friends will be charged with spiritual power which will be transmitted to others.Robert Barclay says that a charged mtg.creates tender concerns.We need to be more concerned to study the life of the mtg.,each Mtg.of Min. & Counsel a deeper concern that will reach hidden depths in every heart

George Hill,the new pastor at Central Village and Westport Point, was introduced by Edw.L.Macomber,and ~~spoke~~ welcomeed by the Clerk on behalf of the Mtg.

Alice C.Gifford brought to our attention the welcome presence of our dear friend and former resident,Rebecca Wilde ,who spoke hopefully of the ~~work~~ responsibility of each meeting,and of the Cambridge Meetings,which she now attends,that has a strong college clientele. ALice Gifford also had a concern re.two Friends and members who are ill,Jennie W.Gifford,former Clerk of this Mtg.,and her sister Myra.,and recommended a message of sympathy,love and cheer,which was approved and will be so sent by Donald McCloud,Clerk of the Quartly.Mtg.,Alice Howlamd Macomber,correspondant.

After the reading of the Minutes,the meeting adjourned to meet in Sandwich,10th Mo.,God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

It is with deep sorrow that we record the passing of three members of this meeting,-Mary,wife of John H.Davis of Central Village Monthly Meating, Ida Seabury Tripp of New Bedford Monthly Meeting and Robert E.Chase of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. Mary Davis was and active and interested member of Central Village meeting,a Past-President and Co-Founder of the Woman's Community Club which did so much for the redecoration of their meeting house last year.She was also their organist,and her active spirit will be greatly missed from among them.

To the Smiths Neck Meeting comes the loss of Robert E.Chase, beloved Elder and Trustee,past Supt. of their Sunday School and Chm. of the Pastoral Com. his fine voice will be sadly missed in their singing and his unusually pleasant smile and cheerful personality,by all who knew him.

Ida Seabury Tripp,sister of the late Alice Howland Tripp,past Clerk of this Meeting of Ministry and Counsel,was an Elder of New Bedford Monthly Meeting and though of a retiring disposition,was ever well informed not only on the Discipline and Procedure,but en rapport with all new trends in Friends affairs.Although an invalid for several years,she was invariably cheerful and a source of inspiration to any caller who perhaps had come to offer sympathy but who left,cheered and blessed by her hopeful,intelligent outlook,though from the narrowed vision of her window pane.

"I know the night is near at hand,
The mists lie low on shore and bay,
The Autumn leaves are drifting by,
But I have had the day.

But I have had,dear Lord,the day,
When at Thy call there comes the night;
Brief be the twilight as I pass,
From light to dark,from dark to light."

Taken from the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel,Sandwich,10th Mo.13th,'51
Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

At Sandwich Qtly.Mtg.~~of Ministry & Counsel~~ held in W.Falmouth,7mo.8th,'50

After a period of silence,the Minutes of the last mtg.were read and approved.

The Reps. to this mtg.were:
Dartmouth--Annette Smith,Donald McLeod
W.Falmouth--Lois H.Bowerman,Annie E.Rose
New Bedford--Chas.W.Mesner,Jos.LHiller,Esther Inman,Alice Howland Macomber
Central Village--Sophia E.Hawkes
who were present with two exceptions,excuse given for one.

Chas.W.Mesner,reporting for the Yearly Mtg.of Min.& Counsel,said the emphasis as brought out by the panel discussion,Jas.A.Coney,Chm.,was on the local mtg., especially the Monthly Mtg.,that it must be built up and strengthened but that there was not too much explanation of how it was to be done.

Jas.A.Coney spoke of the value of the fully recorded Minutes,which are for the generations yet unborn.He thought also the panel discussion was well done, but that possibly the importance would have been better brought out if the speakers had interrogated each other,but the lack of time invariably curtails the best endeavors,yet the central theme ,the keynote of the Yearly Mtg. ran through and permeated all sessions.His concern was how to get more members,for next year our loss of membership will be greater as we have lost two meetings,and already the loss by death(July) is 20.He felt that we cannot increase membership by mechanical means,but that we CAN reach people if the meeting shows life--then the people we want to reach will come in.So the discussion must be,"How can we have a deeper life?"That the member must be prepared before coming to meeting;not to depend entirely on the pastor;or on those who are expected to have a message.We should prepare during the week for the worship hour,with time for reading;be familiar with helpful texts;spend much time in prayer.If we are as thus concerned,Friends will be charged with spiritual power which will be transmitted to others.Robert Barclay says that a charged mtg.creates tender concerns.We need to be more concerned to study the life of the mtg.,each Mtg.of Min. & Counsel a deeper concern that will reach hidden depths in every heart

George Hill,the new pastor at Central Village and Westport Point, was introduced by Edw.L.Macomber,and ~~spoke~~ welcomeed by the Clerk on behalf of the Mtg.

Alice C.Gifford brought to our attention the welcome presence of our dear friend and former resident,Rebecca Wilde ,who spoke hopefully of the ~~work~~ responsibility of each meeting,and of the Cambridge Meetings,which she now attends,that has a strong college clientele. ALice Gifford also had a concern re.two Friends and members who are ill,Jennie W.Gifford,former Clerk of this mtg.,and her sister Myra.,and recommended a message of sympathy,love and cheer,which was approved and will be so sent by Donald McCloud,Clerk of the Quartly.Mtg.,Alice Howlamd Macomber,correspondant.

After the reading of the Minutes,the meeting adjourned to meet in Sandwich,10th Mo.,God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

In Memoriam

It is with deepest sorrow that we record the passing of Jennie Wilbur Gifford,a member of Allens Neck Friends Meeting; a former Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting;our Superintendent of Missions,and devoted to the cause of temperance,-one whose earnest interest in her work was an inspiration to others.Ours is the loss of her bright cheer and personal concern for the progress of our meetings--hers is the gain,as her spirit finds a wider horizon in that Unseen World.

Taken from the Minutes of the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting,10th Mo.14,1950.

"When those we love have pulled aside the curtain,
Stepped through the sunset,past the evening star,
And we are left alone here in the twilight
To dream about that bright Land where they are,
This thought can very often ease our sorrow:
Remember--they are happier now than then,
And one can almost hear them softly saying--
"Be comforted,-Until we meet again".

At the meeting of Ministry and Counsel held in Sandwich, 10th Mo. '50

After a period of silence the Clerk read the Minutes of the last meeting which were approved.

The Representatives from New Bedford were Esther Inman, Charles W. Mesner and others from West Falmouth, Dartmouth, Westport and others who were present with one exception.

* The Clerk reported writing letters of sympathy and cheer as requested to Jennie Wilbur Gifford and Myra D. Gifford, also calling upon them while they were hospitalized. The following Minute was approved and sent to the Quarterly Meeting. Copies to be sent to relatives.

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Our Associate Secretary, Russell D. Brooks, expressed pleasure in his first visit among us in that capacity and spoke of the value of the recent Conference of Ministers and workers held in Providence, also the Fall Conference held there of the AFSC. with Harold Chance as the evening speaker. Both Charles W. and Ida Mesner gave interesting accounts of afternoon and evening sessions, which were attended by Friends from New Bedford and Smiths Neck.

After active participation by elders and ministers, the meeting adjourned to meet in New Bedford 1st Mo. next, God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber
Clerk

* Please insert: A Committee was appointed, Joseph L. Hiller, Chm., to bring in the names of Friends to serve as Clerk and Asst. Clerk for the ensuing year.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Counsel held in New Bedford, 1st month 18th 1951

The meeting was opened with a period of silence after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Representatives from New Bedford, Westport and Dartmouth were Charles Mosher, Alice Howland, Corina M. Gifford and others who were present with 3 exceptions; one being because of illness.

Joseph L. Hiller reported for the committee which was appointed to bring in names of Friends for clerk and asst. clerk. They suggested the names of Alice Howland Macomber for clerk and Hettie A. Tripp for asst. clerk. The meeting was united with this report.

A discussion on "who belongs to this ~~this~~ meeting and how shall we admit new members, was entered into by several Friends. The importance of this meeting was stressed as a place to bring problems to be discussed and solved if possible. It was suggested that David Ensign should be prepared with some definite problems for discussion at the next meeting.

Russell Brooks read the duties of the elders and the queries for the meeting of Ministry & Counsel.

No further business, we conclude, purposing to meet in New Bedford the 4th month, the Lord willing,

Hettie A. Tripp
asst. clerk.

I am sorry you had
to remind me of this report.
It was just one of those
things which I neglected to do.
We are having springlike
weather just now. I have
snowdrops in bloom out
under the south window and
very large daffy buds.

Hettie A. Tripp

After the opening minute and a period of silence, the Clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved.

**** Representatives chosen from the local meetings were present with one exception. The reports on the spiritual condition of the local meetings were read in full from Sandwich and from Central Village, and given in person by David Ensign, pastor at Allens Neck and Charles W. Mesner, pastor of New Bedford meetings. In summarizing: The gains noted are increasing activity in groups that work vigorously for the AFSC.; Missionary & Church Aid; Sunday School work among our children where attendance is gaining; in the near completion of the hall and the redecoration of Allens Neck meeting house which has been a great undertaking; in the redecoration of Central Village meeting house and upkeep of grounds and cemetery and Community House; the loyalty of the membership in attendance and support, in personal effort and through gifts of money to a varied field were encouraging, though some lack of spiritual concern ran as an unhappy undertone. Where a Friends Meeting does not make an appeal broad enough, a Community Meeting seems of greater good to a larger number, - it is not which road we travel, but the goal we reach.

The Clerk read a Minute on the death of our friend Edward L. Macomber which was approved and has been inscribed In Memoriam on the Record Book, as was also that to Jennie Wilbur Gifford.

A ~~large~~ group of Friends from Swansea and Fall River were warmly greeted.

The Meeting welcomed the presence of our friends James Wilde, former pastor of Allens Neck, now of Boston, and his wife Rebecca Wilde. James Wilde spoke appreciatively of the Cambridge Friends Meeting now grown so large that two sessions are held on Firstday morning, and his wife of her pleasure in being among Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Friends again and that the worship of the spirit was equally possible regardless of the size of the meeting.

Charles W. Mesner thought that however impressive the Cambridge Meeting, it probably did not reach as large a percentage of the people adjacent to it, as a smaller meeting in its community.

Russell D. Brooks, our associate Field Secretary, spoke in appreciation of the hospitality of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, and continuing the trend of thought, said that with the building of the new Providence Meeting House on the grounds of the Moses Brown School, and with the recent completion of the Hartford Meeting House, two in one year, Friends had every reason to be encouraged in the growth shown numerically and financially, but he, too, thought that it was not in the size of the congregation where our strength lies, but in the personal effort of each individual in each small meeting as well as large, to give of himself, to deny himself in necessary, to make the effort, for it costs something to participate in a Friends Meeting and not to stand aside, to participate with ideas, working with others for a vital Friends Meeting for worship and business.

David Ensign felt the concern to DO something, to achieve a unity of spirit even through a diversity of form.

The Clerk called to attention the two articles entitled, "What You Dont Know About ~~xxQuakerx~~ The Quakers", in the Satevepost of Mar. 21 and 28.

After the reading of the Queries, the meeting adjourned to meet in West Falmouth in 7th Mo., God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

****It is customary at this time to choose representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Min.& Counsel to be held in Andover, Mass., 6th Mo. 19th, '51
The following were appointed: Alice C.m Gifford
Alice Howland Macomber,
Philip Cornell(H)
Charles W. Mesner
David Ensign
who were present with one exception

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held in West Falmouth, 7th Mo.14, '51

During a period of silence, the Clerk read the Shepherd Psalm, by a Navajo Indian.

The reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting followed, and were approved.

The representatives from the Monthly Meetings were Mary B.White and others, who were present with 3 exceptions.

A Memorial to Charles T.Gifford of Allens Neck Meeting was read and approved.

The representatives to Yearly Meeting reported they attended with one exception.

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The Queries were read.

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IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Charles T.Gifford,the third of one Friends family taken from among us in ten months.

He was a birthright member of the Society of Friends,a trustee of Allens "eck Monthly Meeting where he was superintendant of the First Day School for many years.

He was also president of the Westport section of Fall River District Sunday Schools and treasurer of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

These offices and many others he filled with ability,insight and with a zeal characterisitc of his desire to be of service.

"On ships and shadowed fields
He knew Thy nearness,
Past rows of houses he had felt Thy grace."

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was;the spirit return to God who gave it."

Taken from the Minutes of theSandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel,7th Mo.14,'51
Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting ... Counsel held in East Falmouth, 7th Mo.14, '51

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Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were Laura C.Moore and others who attended with one exception.

A Minute In Memoriam was read by the Clerk to Mary, wife of John H.Davis of Central Village Meeting; Robert F.Chase of Smiths Neck Meeting; Ida Seabury Tripp of New Bedford Meeting. Philip M.Cornell, as a member of the Permanent Board read a tribute announcing the death of Alfred Osborne, beloved and greatly respected recent Clerk of that body.

A committee was appointed to bring forward the names of Friends to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk of this meeting for the coming year, consisting of Charles F.Kesner, May Pettey, Mary I.Tifford.

The Clerk cordially welcomed and introduced Milton Hadley, our new Associate Field Secretary for northern New England who spoke briefly in appreciation of his opportunity of coming among us and of our "October's bright blue weather"; also Miss Edith Ratcliffe of Chilbrook, Secretary to Dr. Bond in the American Friends' Mission at Kaimosi, in Kenya, East Africa; also our dear friends James and Rebecca Wilde now of Boston; also our southern New England Field Secretary our good friend Russell D.Brooks who never fails to bring us greetings of hope and cheerfulness and who spoke of that first Friends ministry in 1657 in that very spot in Sandwich. he said they made their influence felt in a way not easily disposed of, for no amount of derision, or opposition deterred them from living in faith. In their perseverance we have the shining example to carry the message of Quakerism to new people, for this present generation needs it just as much as Sandwich, Massachusetts did in 1657.

James Wilde spoke feelingly of his happy memories of many Quarterly meetings in that place.

The Clerk spoke of attending a meeting in New Bedford where the great missionary, Stanley Jones, author of the Christ Of The Indian Road, urged a World Federation of Churches so Christians could provide the balance of power for peace. It would consist of all religious denominations and as he named them and what each would bring, he characterized the Friends as having, "An immediacy of contact with God--an immediacy of contact with God-- which could well be the basis of a World-Wide Church Of God.

The subject of Elders And Their Duties came up for open discussion with as many opinions as there were persons, ending with the final sense that Elders should strive more for a spirit of helpfulness, not criticism; with understanding to create good will, undertaken in a spirit of humility, a quality among ministers and elders rather relegated to the background, though no human attribute can accomplish as much. Milton Hadley had with him our handbook of Faith And Practise for Elders at 10¢ per copy. At this point the reading of the QUERIES by the Clerk concerning the duties of elders and their spiritual concern was timely.

After reading the Queries,

The meeting adjourned to meet in New Bedford, 1st Month, 3rd guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

Approved MINUTES of the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel.
Met at Sandwich,Mass.10th Mo.11th,'52

After a period of silence the Clerk readlst Peter1,3-5.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were present with 2 exceptions.

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A Memorial to Rebecca Wild,wife of James Wild was read with a copy sent to the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting,and is attached. A telegram of sympathy, proposed by Florence Hiller,was sent to the Family.

Field Secy.RussellD.Brooks was cordially welcomed.

The Clerk spoke of the recent Bible Week,with the appearance of the new Standard Edition of 1,000,000 copies,the largest order ever given a publisher;also of our interest in the Workers' Conference in Providence where the reports of Oxford representatives compared the viewpoints of American and British Friends.

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The Queries were read.

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IN MEMORIAM

At this time we record with sorrow the death of our friend and fellow member,Rebecca,wife of James Wild,a minister of the Society of Friends at Allens Neck for a period of years.

A gentle person,we remember with gratitude,the warmth of her friendship and her deep interest in the underprivileged people.

She was recently a member of Cambridge Meeting,then moved to Amesbury where she passed away on 10th Mo.9th,'52.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry & Counsel held in Somerset,Mass.,4th Mo.'52

After a period of silence the Clerk read an exhortation that with the Christ arisen on Easter morn,Friends,believing,should proclaim by word and deed that the power of sin is broken.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were present with one exception with an excuse.

The reports of the Meetings on their spiritual condition were read and a summary sent up to the Quarterly Meeting to be forwarded to Yearly Meeting. These showed an increase in sharing spiritually and materially with others as evidenced by the Christian fellowship expressed.Financial aid is generously given and many useful articles sent directly by indivivuals to families in Germany, Chekoslovakia.Paraguay.Africa,Indiana,Mississippi,Philadelphia.The Mattapoisett group sent 600 articles of women's clothing and accessories.
Allens Neck reported an increase in membership and the sum of $1200 raised by a Community Sale for the building fund necessitated by the disastrous fire of a year ago.

A Memorial to Alvano C.Goddard,a minister in our Quarterly Meeting,was recorded.

Russell D.Brooks our Field Secretary,noted with satisfaction the large attendance at one of our oldest Meetings,Swansea,though one of our newest members of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting,and said we should look ahead 300 years as well as back,considering what these years are to mean in the future,depending on our dedicate lives.,e voiced his appreciation and concern for the Young Friends who are progressing so satisfactorily and will be reported in the business session to follow,feeling this meeting should give them encouragement and especially a sense of belonging,so they would feel an integral part of the Society of Friends.

The Clerk was asked to report on the increasing activity of Friends in Florida and stated that at the St.Petersburg All-Friends Conference in March,with an attendance of 400,four new Monthly Meetings had been set up,now making eight in all.

An unusually full and active session was adjourned to meet in West Falmouth,Mass.,in 7th Mo.,'52.

Approved Minutes of Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting held at
West Falmouth 7/12:

7 Min. & Counsel

After a period of silence
the Clerk gave the prayer of
the Jehudian Chinese, adding
that of an American Christian.

The Minutes of the previous
Meeting were read and approved.

Only 2 Representatives of
the Monthly Meetings of
Ministry and Counsel were
present at the opening session. Others came in later
but 50% were absent without
excuse given.

Alice C. Gifford read a
Memorial for Lois H., wife of
Alfred S. Bowerman, May 17, '52
which has been recorded.

The Clerk reported on the
Yearly Meeting of Ministry and
Counsel. Discussion followed
on the question of combining
the Meeting of Ministry and
Counsel with the Monthly
Meeting because of small
membership and the same
personnel. West Falmouth
reported not having had

MEMORIAL to LOIS H.BOWRMAN
written by Alice C.Gifford,her friend

Sandwich Monthly Meeting has lost a devoted member who was called to new work for her Master May 17th.

She wasan elder,former Supt.of Bible Schools,former Pres.of the WCTU.,interested in all Friends' activities,strong in her beliefs,wise in counsel, faithful to duty.

We shall miss her loving spirit,Miss her gentle quiet ways,
As we journey on without her,
With our memories of past days.

An excerpt taken from the Memorial on the Minutes of Sandwich Meeting of Ministry and Counsel.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry & Counsel held at New Bedford 1st month 10th 1953

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Representatives from the various Monthly Meetings were Bertha L. Hathaway and others. These reported their attendance with several exceptions: Illness was given as reason for absence in two cases and there were no reports from two meetings.

The committee appointed to bring forward names of Friends for clerk and asst. clerk submit the following - for clerk, Alice Howland Macomber, asst. clerk - Hettie A. Tripp. The meeting approved the appointment of these Friends and they will serve the ensuing year.

Two reports on State of Society were brought in and read. There seemed to be some confusion regarding these reports and considerable discussion followed. It was thought best to practice what was called for in the new discipline, ~~that~~ is, to send to the Quarterly Meeting preceding Yearly meeting a report on State of Society which has been approved by the local meeting of Ministry and

The Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel ...
Met at New Bedford, Mass., 4th Mo. 11th, '53

After a period of silence the Clerk read a prayer in verse asking God to show us how to rightly live and give us strength to do it.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were Philip H. Cornell and others who were present with one exception.

... report on the State of Society was received, but following the procedure as outlined in ... Faith And Practice, such reports go directly to the Quarterly Meeting after approval by the ... Local Meeting of Ministry and Counsel and the Monthly Meeting.

The following representatives were appointed to the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel:

Joseph L. Hiller, Philip H. Cornell, Sophia Hawkes, Alice C. Gifford, Alice Howland Macomber, Ethel J. Frye, Alice T. Hartnett, representing the Monthly Meetings, ... attended with 1 exception.

The Clerk read a Memorial to Thomas A. Tripp which is attached. and also spoke of the absence of our dear friend Florence Hiller who is ill, extending the affection and sympathy of the meeting.

A welcome was extended to our friend James Wilde of Amesbury, Mass. who cautioned about doing our good deeds quietly, as did Jesus, ..., hoping that our influence for helpfulness would penetrate other lives without our even knowing it.

Field Secy. Russell D. Brooks was welcomed and reported for our encouragement that there is new life evident in several Monthly Meetings--Westport with 18 new members, New Bedford with 5, and spoke of the Pond Meeting House in So. China in process of being prepared for a Young Friends Work Camp where spiritual development supercedes Manual interest, where the primary purpose is religious education and strengthened fellowship.

The Clerk read the Golden Rule of the ten great religions, showing the basic thought that of Christianity, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

The Queries were read.

The concluding Minute closed the Meeting which will reconvene in West Falmouth, Mass. in 7th Mo.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we record the passing on 1st Mo.7th,'53,of Thomas A.Tripp at the advanced age of 95.

He was a birthright member of the Society of Friends and Clerk of New Bedford Monthly Meeting for 28 years. His quiet friendship and community interests endeared him to both friends and business associates.

"The victory of death seems very real,but in the great plan of Eternity, death has no victory,for love which is immortal,remains to solace all mankind."

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at West Falmouth,Mass. 7th Mo.11th,1953.

After a period of silence and prayer the Minutes were read and approved.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel were Philip H.Cornell and others who were present with two exceptions.

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A Memorial to John H.Davis of Central Village,Mass.,a member of Westport Monthly Meeting,was read and approved.

James Wild of Cambridge,formerly pastor of Allens Neck Friends Meeting was welcomed and spoke briefly of the value of friendship as emphasized by absence,citing the communications of the Apostle Paul to the churches he had established,whom he always lovingly addressed as 'friends'.

Russell D.Brooks,Field Secretary,was welcomed and spoke of the necessity of a wider,more understanding vision of Friends whose religious methods may differ from ours.He said much is offered by each religious approach and further study is needed to see which of three levels we are using,the first which is tolerance only;the second where we understand but do not appreciate the others' way;the third and higher level is to really appreciate other ways of thinking and practice within our Quaker concerns. Unity among Friends has progressed greatly for we live in a united Yearly meeting,though composed of various elements,-rural,academic,programmed, unprogrammed,yet we have a basic growth of security.In the next 37 years when we shall have attained our 300th Anniversay,we may hope to have a deep sense of appreciation of each other.

Discussion followed by David Ensign and others on the topic on the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, with appreciation of the fine attendance and spirit of Young Friends and Juniors, with the recommendation that a program of Christian Education for parents and adults is needed to strengthen our social concern to help our Young Friends stand firm in the distraction of the world around us.

The Queries were read.

After the concluding Minute, the meeting closed to meet in Sandwich, Mass., in 10th Mo., God guiding us.

IN MEMORIAM

We record the death of John H.Davis of Central Village,Mass.,a member of Westport Monthly Meeting of FFriends,on 5th Mo.29th,1953.

Only the body has died and has been laid to rest in the dust.The spirit lives eternally in the shelter of God's love and mercy."

Taken from the Minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel,7th Mo.11th,'53

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting on Ministry & Counsel held at New Bedford 1st month 9th 1954
After a period of silence the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The representatives from the monthly meetings were — Central Village, Corinna Gifford and Sophia Hawkes New Bedford, Joseph Heller and Ida Mesner Hartwaddle, Harry W. Allen and Philip A. Cornell all being present with one exception.

The committee appointed to bring forward names of persons to serve as clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting suggests the names of Alice Howland Macomber for clerk and Hettie A. Tripp assistant clerk.

The meeting is united with this report and they are appointed to serve another year.

A memorial to Charles M. Mesner prepared by the clerk of the New Bedford monthly meeting was read at this time. The meeting is united in adopting this memorial as read and it will be forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting.

Russell Brooks, Field Secretary was present and spoke. He said that the affairs of the meeting are the affairs of the whole group not a few but that committees have to serve in many instances. A group, large or small under appointment is a servant of its meeting and should be faithful. Its a privilege of Christians to get together to help plan the doings of the meeting. The problems we tackle we should approach in a spirit of religious worship. If we do we need never fear the outcome.

No further business we adjourned to meet in New Bedford 4th month, The Lord willing.

Hettie A. Tripp
asst. clerk

Attest —

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Attested —

The Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel met at New Bedford,Mass.,4th Mo.10th,'54.

After a period of silence the Clerk read a poem entitled,"Living With Peace Of Mind" by Kirby Page,which is attached,by request.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Representatives of the Monthly Meetings,Philip H.Cornell and others ,were present with four exceptions.

The following Representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel were appointed:Philip H.Cornell,Joseph L.Hiller,Alice Howland Macomber, Alice C.Gifford,Ida Mesner.The Clerk spoke of the importance of attending Yearly Meeting,not only the Representatives,but all who possibly can because of the opportunity of knowing visiting Friends from all over our US.,Canada,and overseas. Also the chance to hear the Epistles,those letters of greeting from all over the world,from our meeting in Kenya,East Africa with a membership of 20,000;letters of fellowsip so necessary to hear to understand the height and depth and especially the breadth of our Quaker spiritual objectives.

A Memorial was read to Agnes E.Howland of New Bedford Meeting which is recorded.

Welcome was extended to our visiting Friend James Wild of Cambridge Meeting and to Field Secretary Russell D.Brooks,who introduced Mark and Phyllis Rausch of Worcester Friends Meeting.

The Field Secretary spoke on the duties of the Ministers and Elders of this meeting of Ministry and Counsel,the demanding duties as outlind in the Queries,where we are constrained to reach out and meet the challenge of today's need.

He said the topic of the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel would be,"Adult Education" which presents two problems,-educating those who are prepared by experience;those who must start from the beginning.This test calls for witness to our faith in the effort to gather in believers,for a meeting is not effective just by existing.The Christian Church has to work at it, telling the truth as we see it which takes vision and outwardness.This is the responsibility of Elders,chosen for their fitness,and the duty of Ministers, appointed for their gift in the Ministry,and we draw on the loving spirit of Christ as our resource in this work.

The Queries were read.

With no further business,the Meeting concluded to meet in West Falmouth in 7th Mo.,God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

after.

The Mattapoisett Meeting has suffered a dual loss in the death of two of its members within the month of June;Chloe E.Fraits,wife of Frank W.Fraits and Miss Lydia M.Jenney.

Chloe E.Fraits was an elder,clerk and treasurer of Mattapoisett Particular Meeting and Lydia M.Jenney, an elder,trustee and active in the AMFS sewing committee and other interest.

Their loyal devotion and cheerful presence will be greatly misses by those who mourn their home-going.

Alice Howland Macomber Clerk

The Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held at West Falmouth, Mass., 7th Mo. 10th, '54

After a period of silence the Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel reported they attended with one exception.

A Memorial to Chloe E. Fraits and Lydia M. Jenney was presented and approved. It is recorded.

The new pastor to New Bedford Spring Street Meeting, Weston A. Stevens was introduced and warmly welcomed.

Out of town friends were welcomed and James Wild, formerly pastor of Allens Neck Meeting spoke of the priviledge of renewing old friendships and of an opportunity he had enjoyed in sharing the fellowship and Christian love of a group expressing Christian principles at Gould Farm in the Berkshires.

Milton H. Hadley, our Field Secretary from Freeport, Me., reported on the topic of the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, "The Religious Education of Adult Members", - that it was of greatest importance to educate parents, and distributed a pamhlet prepared by the superintendants and secretaries of the American Yearly Meetings entitled, "Friends Ministry To Persons", warmly advocating its use by elders in reaching absentee members to get them interested in the First Day School and reading classes, with individual duties and responsibilities. Friends of old spoke to the needs of people in their homes, through intervisitation, and so should Friends today. Race Street Meeting, Phila., Baltimore Meeting and 20 others are already using this pamphlet.

Joseph L. Hiller confirmed the need of giving members responsibility, quoting Alexander Purdy who spoke at Yearly Meeting on this.

Florence Hiller gave an inspirational poem, "God Is Love".

Alice C. Gifford felt that perhaps we were unduly concerned with material things and that London Yearly Meeting with a membership of 37,000 had only a few hundred in attendance at Yearly Meeting.

Florence Carr, a representative to Yearly Meeting felt intervision was necessary and spoke of the interest in the Bible Half Hour.

The Queries were read.

The Meeting concluded to meet at Sandwich in 10th Mo., God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

Approved 10th Mo. 9th

At the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Sandwich,Mass., loth Mo.9th,1953.

After a period of silence the Clerk read the account of a Quarterly Meeting held in Kotzebue,Alaska,at 30 below zero,with an attendance of181 and over 500 in the evening,with 743 Eskimo dogs.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were present 100%.

A Committee of three was appointed to bring forward the names of persons to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk:Lilian Cornell,Donald McCloud,Weston Stevens.

A cordial welcome was extended to two more new pastors,-Joseph C.Webber of Smiths Neck Meeting,Harold Jernegan of Allens Neck Meeting. Also within our gates we were happy to have Dr. and Mrs. Ray Atwood of Hyannis and mr. and Mrs. Davis of Yarmouthport.

Russell D.Brooks,field secretary,spoke on the possible discouragement of elders in the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel,when they felt the weight of their responsibility and recognized the high demands to help build up a spiritual life,in which the Monthly Meeting should also take an active part.

Relative to the rededication of Bolton Friends Meeting House in Old Sturbridge Village,the question was asked as to what we are doing to keep from becoming museum pieces.This was answered by the Field Secretary who said all New England Meeting Houses 250to300 years old are museum pieces,yet many are revitalized by six months of summer meetings and by special meetings,the interest therein being maintained by modern folk with roots in Friends,and this should have the concern of all Quarterly Meetings in a revival of possibilities.

The Clerk read the Queries,adding a quotation from Gal.6-1,which seemed to be a possible 5th Query:

"Brethren,if a man be overtaken in a fault,ye who are spiritual,restore such an one,in the spirit of meekness;considering thyself,lest thou also be tempted."

With no further business,the meeting adjourned to meet in New Bedford, 1st Mo.1955,God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

appr. 1 mo. 1953

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry & Counsel held at New Bedford 1st month 8th 1955.

The ~~meetings~~ minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Representatives from various monthly meetings were present with few exceptions. Illness was the reason given for some of the absentees.

The committee appointed to bring forward names of Friends for clerk and assistant clerk suggest Alice Howland Macomber for clerk and Hettie A. Tripp for assistant. The meeting approves of these Friends and they are appointed to serve the ensuing year.

We were happy to have with us Rachel Osborn formerly of (Spring St.) New Bedford meeting. ~~[illegible]~~

Russell Brooks spoke on our duties as a meeting of Ministry & Counsel, saying that we had stood by long enough and should be more active, giving spiritual encouragement to the individual as well as the meeting.

A general concern was felt regarding the poor attendance at our monthly meetings.

With no further business, we adjourned to meet in New Bedford 4th month 1955.

The Lord willing

Hettie A. Tripp, asst. clerk

The Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel was held at New Bedford 4th Mo.9th,1955.

After a period of silence Weston A.Stevens,pastor of New Bedford Meeting,led in prayer.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read an article,based on John 14;12,on the tremendous possibilities for religious influence through radio and television,whereby larger audiences are reached than Jesus ever knew in His whole lifetime. (Read)

The Representatives of the Monthly Meetings,Grace C.Lasell and others, were present with one exception.

At this time the following Reoresentatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel were chosen:Philip Cornell,Alice C.Gifford,Joseph Weber.

The Clerk read a Memorial ro Lilian V.Wilson of Mattapoisett Mo.Mtg., which was approved,sent up to Quarterly Meeting,to relatives and recorded.

A cordial welcome was extended to our Field Secretary Russell D. Brooks,now a director of Woolman Hill in the Berkshires,outlining future conferences on weekends for Friends ministers,clerks,elders,that these groups might think,through, under adequate leadership,their responsibilities and how best to undertake them. Joseph L.Hiller thought the project very pertinent to this meeting and approved a series of articles by Russell Brooks for the benefit of all Friends.The Meeting approved.Mary T.Gifford felt it very essential that Elders personally question how they are fulfilling their office.

The Clerk read an article on the action of the Education Com.of Baltimore Monthly Meeting in admitting negro children to Friends Schools,first to Nursery and Kindergarten,later to succeeding grades,one step each year.

The Field Secy.spoke of the individual's responsibility in his meeting, regardless of whether it was pastoral or not,for response to the Divine Spirit,not resistance.Some pastoral meetings are so closely programmed that members fail to fulfil the admonishing in Query 3.;n non-programmed meetings,he said,while members mayxxxxfeel their messages should be unrehearsed,we should in the spirit of faith,make a highway for God ourselves,gathering our thoughts carefully,as articulation makes it more vital.

The Queries were read.

Adjourned to meet in West Falmouth in 7th Mo.,God guiding us.

Adjourned

Memorials - 7/55

It is with a great sense of loss that we record the death of a faithful member of the Society of Friends, Jane Davis Howland, on May 5, 1955 in her 79th year. She was the daughter of the late Cornelius and Alice R. Howland, and a birthright member of the Long Plain Meeting of Friends.

Although for many years her work kept her from her friends and family yet she maintained an active interest in the work of the Meeting at Long Plain. She faithfully attended all the meetings of the Friends as long as her health permitted. Her genial presence and helpful advice will be greatly missed. However her spirit will not pass away but will remain with us forever.

Charles F. Wilcox, Clerk
New Bedford Mass. Mtg.

Westport Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel records the passing of Corinna Gifford, an Elder in our Meeting.

She was faithful in attendance at meetings for Worship, Business, Counsel, and also at Quarterly Meetings. She had a genuine concern for the spiritual life in every area of the meeting. Her place will be difficult to fill.

MINUTES 7th Mo.9th,'55

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at West Falmouth,Mass. 7th Mo.9th,'55

After prayer,the Clerk gave the status of the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel fifty years ago, taken from Quaker history.

Welcome was extended to Russell D.Brooks,Field Secy.,;James Wild,former pastor at Allens Neck Meeting; Alice Wilbur Gidley of No.Dartmouth Friends Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Representatives of the Monthly Meetings were Esther J.Bowman and others who were present with one exception.

The Representatives to Yearly Meeting reported they attended with one exception who was incapacitated,having been struck by lightening.

Memorials were read to Corinna Gifford,an Elder in Westport Mo.Meeting and to Jane Davis Howland of Long Plain Meeting,New Bedford Mo.Mtg.These were approved,sent up to the Quarterly Meeting and recorded.

The Clerk reported on the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel where the subject to be discussed was "The Meaning of Membership im the Society of Friends".Russell D.Brooks explained that this Fall's Conferences to take the place of the Workers' Conferences,will be for,1-Clerks;2-Recorders;3-Treasurers;4-Elders.He also described Woolman Hill,a Quaker Center when complete,near Deerfield.

Helen Hiller had learned that Race St.Meeting,Phila.had changed the name from Ministry and Counsel to "Ministry and Worship."

Others spoke to some aspects of Yearly Meeting which appealed to them.

The Queries were read,including a 5th taken from Gal.6-1 (Unofficial)

The Meeting concluded to meet at Sandwich in 10th Mo.

Alice Howland Macomber,
Clerk

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Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich,Mass,,10th Mo.8th,1955

After a period of silence and prayer,the Clerk read from "MINUTES OF ADVICE" prepared by the No.Carolina Yearly Meeting.

The MINUTES of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A welcome was extended to Ann Gidley Lowry of No.Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, a minister of New England Yearly Meeting. Also a greeting to James Wild of Cambridge,former pastor of Allens Neck Meeting.

Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were present with one exception.

The Clerk stated that the old Apponegansett Meeting House had been opened on Firstday mornings at 9 oclock for a half hour service of prayer and meditation.This was originated by Joseph Weber,pastor at Smiths Neck ,during July and August with the exception of the last two Sundays taken by Alice Howland Macomber .While usually opened for the last Sunday in July,these Firstday morning half hours were found to be most rewarding,in attendance and in peace and inspiration found within those ancient walls so fraught with memories of long,long ago.

A committee of three was appointed to bring in names of persons to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year,to report at the next session: Philip H.Cornell,Joseph L.Hiller,Frances A Howland.

A Memorial was read on the death of John Gegatt Jr. aged 81,a member of Long Plain Monthly Meeting,which was sent to the Quarterly Meeting and recorded.

A letter from the Clerk of Westport Monthly Meeting stated that they were unanimous in recommending that George Jones Jr. be recorded as a minister in New England Meeting of Friends.This was received and spoken to with appreciation and a committee of three appointed to report at the next session:Elvira Chichester,Westport;Charles F.Nickerson,New Bedford;Ralph E.Gifford,Dartmouth.

The Clerk spoke of the absence of former Field Secretary Russell D.Brooks, but who was present at the Conference held at Allens Neck Meeting House on Sunday afternoon and evening,Oct.1st which was very well attended by Friends from So.Eastern Mass. It was divided into three section,- Ministry and Counsel,Elders and Ministers;Clerks and Recorders; Treasurers. Charles F.Nickerson of New Bedford gave a resume of the Clerks' section; Philip H.Cornell of the Treasurers;Ida M.Mesner of Ministry and Counsel.

A large and prompt attendance was most gratifying.

The Clerk read the CHILDREN'S QUERIES as used in New England Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting concluded to meet at New Bedford,Mass.in 1st Mo.1956.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

We record the death of John Peggatt Jr., a member of Long Plain Friends Meeting, aged 81.

"I will set him on high becuase he hath known my name... with long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.

Psa. 91

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel,
Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of ~~Friends~~ held at New Bedford 1st. month, 14th, 1955

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Representatives from three monthly meetings report their attendance with three exceptions; illness being the reason given for ~~=~~, the absence of two.

The committee appointed to report concerning the recording of George Jones as a minister in New England Meeting of Friends gave a favorable report, telling of his education in connection with Friends and of his work at Westport Monthly Meeting, Central Village, Massachusetts, where he is now ministering. This report was heartily accepted and was forwarded to the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

The committee appointed to bring in names of persons to serve as clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting for

the ensuing year, suggest Alice Howland Macomber for clerk and Hettie A. Tripp for assistant clerk. The report was approved by the meeting.

We were very happy to have Milton Hadley and his wife (Freda name) with us. He spoke of the conference on Worship which was to be held at Woolman Hill and urged that some go from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting try to attend.

We miss having Russell Brooke with us and it was approved that a minute of appreciation for what he had done for us and what it had meant having him meet with us be placed on our records and that a letter be sent to him in that respect.

(I have sent the letter.)

Milton Hadley spoke concerning a successor to Russell J. Brooke. He

recommends a full time man if possible for he feels such a secretary could be of much more help than the way it has been.

It was noted that Central Village meeting has taken in a German refugee family of five. After some remarks on this subject it was approved that a minute of advice be sent to the Quarterly Meeting recommending that its constituent meetings consider sponsoring refugee families.

The attendance at this winter Quarterly Meeting was very good.

At the close of business we adjourned purposing to meet at New Bedford in 4th month 1956 God willing.

Hettie A. Tripp
asst. clerk.

Approv. 4/4/56

We have two MEMORIALS:

Oscar G.Mostrom,beloved pastor of Spring Street Friends Meeting in New Bedford, passed away on Feby.11,1956.Although retired for several years because of ill health,he gave thirty five years of loving devotion and faithful service ,not only to his meeting but in the Ministers' Assn.,the Interchurch Council,and civic affairs,where his cheerful outlook,despite a physical handicap;his spiritual devotion and warm personality,endeared him to all.

"When on my day of life the night is falling,And on the wind from unsunned spaces blown,
I hear far voices out of darkness callin my feet to paths unknown-
THOU who hast made my home of life so pleasant,
Leave not its tenant when its walls decay!
O LOVE divine,O HELPER ever-present
Be THOU my strength and stay!"

Alice A.Macomber,a member of Westport Monthly Meeting of Friends, was long a teacher and prinvipal in Dartmouth,Westport and Fairhaven Schools, and active in civic improvements,She was also deeply interested in outlook and outreach for her Meeting and for the Society of Friends.

"Increasing in knowledge and love of Thee,may she go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in Thy heavenly Kingdom;through Jesus Christ our Lord."

If these Memorials are approved they will go to the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting and copies to the Families.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Allens Neck, 4/14/56

After a period of silence, James Wilde, former pastor of Allens Neck Meeting, now of Amesbury, Mass., opened the session with prayer and was followed by Harold Jerne,an, present pastpr of Allens Neck, with a warm welcome to the Quarterly Meeting from the new Allens Neck Monthly Meeting.

A welcome was extended to Milton H. Hadley, the now-all-embracing Field Secretary of Freeport, Maine, who continues his former district of No. New England and assumes the southern section formerly under Russell D. Brooks, now a director of Woolman Hill Friends Center at Deerfield, Mass.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Representatives from the Monthly Meetings, Mary I. Gifford and others, were present with one exception.

M. The following Representatives to the Yearly Meeting were chosen: Ida Mesner, Alice C. Gifford, George Jones.

The Clerk read two Memorials, one to Oscar G. Mostrom; one to Alice A. Macomber. They were sent to the Quarterly Meeting after approval. Copies are attached to these Minutes.

Milton H. Hadley, recently on a six weeks trip through the Midwest to the West Coast, spoke of being impressed with the variety of Friends he encountered, and with the evidence that God guides individuals as well as groups., giving several impressive instances. A history of Industrial Revolution, he said, could be written inside the Society of Friends,- the discussion, the period of waiting while seeking to know God's will and to be ready to do it, then finally, unity. He was concerned that we seek the will of the Lord, individually and in groups, to make the contribution God wants in our Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, keeping our basic principles. The series of pamphlets on, "Let's Discuss Fifteen Friends Principles" is now complete and available.

The Clerk reada comparison by Hershel O. Folger of No. Carolina Yearly Meeting between the present day attributes of Quakers to those of several other religions, such as the Buddhists, the Moslems, the Mennonites, Christian Scientists, Jews, and others. This was based on our Friends Queries.

George Jones suggested a note of sanction be sent to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. who is heading the efforts of negroes in Montgomery, Ala., which would convey our prayers, our sympathy and appreciation of their methods used so far. It was approved that George Jones and the Clerk write such a note. (The note was written and mailed as directed.)

The Queries were read.

The Meeting was adjourned to meet in West Falmouth, in 7th Mo., God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

~~SPRING STREET FRIENDS MEETING~~
Charles W. Mesner, Minister
29 Tremont Street
NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Sophronia Wood Veazie
Jan. 5, 1880 - June 29, 1956

Sophronia Wood Veazie, a birthright Friend and life-long member of Long Plain Preparative Meeting was called to her eternal home on sixth month, twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred fifty-six, leaving to those who knew her a testimony of a life well spent, given without reserve to others, and in her quiet, unassuming way, always striving to win others to the Master whom she served.

She was the daughter of the late John and Sophronia Tegpath and widow of the late, Albert S. Veazie.

The early Christian training she received from her Quaker parents was exemplified throughout her life, in her daily living, as she sought with others, as she taught in the Sunday School, and was active in church work.

Though prevented from continuing because of failing health the last few years, she carried the spirit of worship in her heart with God at the center of her life and home as she had always done.

We sorrow with her daughters, Edith G. and Bessie M. Veazie, but we, also, rejoice

with them that she has left a record of a living, devoted Christian life and for these words which were found in her Testament.

"Live for something, do good and leave behind a monument of virtue, that the stream of life can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of thousands you come in contact with year by year, and you will not be forgotten. Deeds, name and your good deeds will shine in the stars of heaven. ——— Chatman.

That was like her.

Taken from the Minutes of New Bedford Monthly Meeting

and from the Minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight

Sandwich Quarter ly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at West Falmouth,Mass.,7th Mo.14th,1956.

After prayer and silent meditation the Clerk read a newspaper clipping from Moscow on publication of the Bible in Russia,commenting on its unavailability.

A welcome was extended to Field Secretary Milton H.Hadley and to James Wilde of Amesbury,Mass.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The note of sanction sent to Rev. Martin Luther King of Montgomery,Ala. approved by the previous meeting of Ministry and Counsel, was explained and the Newssheet of the Montgomery Improvement Assn,the organ of 50,000 negroes,was quoted as to their position.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel reported they attended 100 %.

The representatives to this meeting,Harry W.Allen and others were in attendance with two exceptions.

The Clerk read a Memorial to Sophronia Jegatt Veazie,a member of Long Plain Meeting.

Ida M.Mesner was asked to give a report on the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel,the topic being,"What Shall be Included in the Spiritual Condition of Meetings",a somewhat difficult matter to adjudicate. Friends were asked to consider next year's topic,"Our Responsibility for Different Age Groups".

Milton H.Hadley spoke on this problem of age groups suggesting several study courses for teen age which are available,as a training for membership,along with personal interviews;also the responsibility of the meeting of Ministry and Counsel to keep in touch with absent members;also to notify meetings of the presence of Friends among them. The Clerk showedhow such such contact,had brought about the establishment of twelve or more new meetings in FLA.

Joseph Webber, minister at Smiths Neck,speaking with appreciation of his stay among us as he leaves for a year of scholarship study in Germany,stressed the need of cooperation between minister and elders, not only the material but the spiritual functions.He thought there should be more activity to reach newcomers,amd to provide live channels of intercourse between neighboring meetings.

After a fully attended and enlivening session,the meeting adjourned to meet at Sandwich,Mass. in 10th Mo.,God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

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Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Smith Neck,10th Mo.13th,'56

After a period of silence and prayer,the Clerk noted a large and prompt attendance.

Appreciation was expressed to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting for their invitation,but all missed the always-anticipated trip down along the Canal,where those lace-like bridges rise from the Fall foliage,silhoutted against a blue October sky,as we go to Old Sandwich town.

The Clerk read from John Woolman's Journal that he visited Sandwich meeting in 1760,a three-day session,where he felt a concern for those sincere inquirers for God,that they should see as fitting examples,others who professed to know the truth.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

James A.and Elsie F.Coney were welcomed heartily,their first appearance at Sandwich Quarterly Meeting for several years while they have been serving Friends in the South.Carold D.Welty of Calif.,visiting among us,was also welcomed. The absence was noted of our Field Secretary,Milton H.Hadley.

The Representatives of the Monthly Meetings were Mary I.Gifford and others who were present with two exceptions.

A Memorial was read to Ida J.Nye,a member and elder of Mattapoisett Meeting. It was approved and recorded.

It was noted that the old Apponegansett Meeting House,usually opened the last Sunday in July,was also open this summer during June and July at 9 AM on Sunday mornings in charge of JosephC.Weber Jr.The Old Dartmouth Historical Society also held its annual summer meeting there in August with a large attendance.

A committee was appointed to bring in the names of persons to serve as Clerk and assistant Clerk for the coming year.Charles F.Nickerson,Lilian A.Cornell, Harry W.Allen.

James A.Coney spoke warmly of his pleasure in returning to New England and of the opportunity for service in both New Bedford and Smith Neck Meetings.His pastorate in Virginis was in a district with 68% negro population and felt that Northerners needed more knowledge of that race,to mix with them,to know their lives,before they can express intelligent opinions.George Jones,Jr. read a letter from Rev.M.L.King of Montgomery,Ala.,expressing appreciation of a message of sympathy and understan ding from the previous Meeting of Ministry and Counsel .

The Clerk was requested to write a letter expressing our appreciation for her faithful services to Annie E.Rose of Sandwich Monthly Meeting;also one to Della M.Butler,Treas.of New Bedford Monthly Meeting,regretting her illness. Copies are appended.

Because of the almost unbroken record of nearly 300 years,it was suggested thatthis Meeting go to Sandwich next October on its own initiative,details to be arranged by a Com.

The topic for the coming Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel,is,"Our Responsibility for Different Age Groups." This was discussed by several;HarryWAllen reported that more and more young people were acquiring interest in religious training;more classes were ready with an urgent need for teachers,that youth be prepared before going out to work.Joseph L.Hiller reported that Mattapoisett also needed teachers and that Friends needed teacher-training, as well as teen-age.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at New Bedford 1st. mo. 12th 1957.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

We were happy to have Milton Hadley and his wife Freda with us.

The representatives appointed from the various

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Smith Neck, 10th Mo. 13th, '56

After a period of silence and prayer, the Clerk noted a large and prompt attendance.

Appreciation was expressed to Dartmouth Monthly Meeting for their invitation, but all missed the always-anticipated trip down along the Canal, where those lace-like bridges rise from the Fall foliage, silhoutted against a blue October sky, as we go to Old Sandwich town.

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The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

We were happy to have Milton Hadley and his wife Freda with us.

The representatives appointed from the various meetings were Ethel J. Frye and others, who were present with two exceptions, reason being given for the absence of one.

A memorial to Della M. Butler who was a member of New Bedford meeting was read. It was approved and placed on file.

The committee appointed to bring forward names of Friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk submitted the following, for clerk, Alice Howland Macomber, asst. clerk, Hattie A. Tripp. These Friends were approved by the meeting and they will serve the ensuing year.

Milton Hadley spoke on the importance of personal contact with absent members by visiting, "carrying good tidings in at the back door," as he called it. He also suggested sending personal letters to non resident members acquainting them with what is going on in their meeting. "We draw people to Christ by going to them", he said. James Coney thought we should make this a special concern and not leave the visiting to be done by the ministers

All minds being clear we conclude purposing to meet at Somerset 4th mo. 1937

Hettie A. Tripp, asst. clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel held at South Somerset,Mass.,4th Mo.13th,1957.

The meeting opened with prayer ,an expression of appreciation to the Swansea Monthly Meeting for their hospitality and the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting which were approved.

Welcome was extended to Milton H.Hadley,Field Secretary and Thomas R.Bodine of Hartford,Conn.Mo.Mtg.

Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were Philip H.Cornell and others who were present with five exceptions.

Reference to the custom of Memorials according to the outline in Faith and Practice brought out some discussion.It was generally thought to be the privilege of the Monthly Meeting to decide when one should go beyond its limits.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel are PhilipHCornell,IdaWMesner,James A.Coney,Alice Howland Macomber.

The Clerk noted a Quarterly Meeting which was attended by 323 members and 1118 dogs. It was in Alaska. The incredible record of the American Bible Society,in cooperation with those of Switzerland and Holland , was the printing and distribution of hundreds of thousands of Bibles and Testaments, all over the world,especially into Austria to satisfy the demands of the Hungarian refugees who desired them as much as food and clothing.

Milton H.Hadley spoke of the need to have members of our Ministry and Counsel Meetings prepared to give special counsel,or to be able to refer to those who can,along three lines:
1--Marriage and Family Life
2--Finances,such as special assistance with income taxes,mentioning a seminar to be held the last of May on this subject of management, to which we should send representatives to Woolman Hill.
3--Young People on Christian Vocational Guidance.
He felt there were Elders and others in every Meeting of Ministry and Counsel with special skills along these lines--perhaps a husband and wife who would be available after meeting on Sunday, ~~perhaps~~, also recommending Seth Hinshaw's pamphlet .He stressed the importance of visiting by Elders and of a monthly report on that.

James A.Coney was concerned with the folding up of some of our meetings, especially in Maine,also citing the Swansea Mo.Mtg,where there is a fine building and so few Friends left to use it;that Friends are growing sporadically mostly in the intellectual centers,but that we have come to a place where we must GO UP and not FOLD UP.A commission is needed to work on this,prayer groups can help,and he recommended a study of the Hinshaw booklet in Meetings of Ministry and Counsel.

After the reading of the Queries,the Meeting adjourned to meet in West Falmouth,Mass in 7th Mo.,God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

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The Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at West Falmouth, Mass., 7th Mo. 13th, '57

After meditation and prayer, the Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were present with four exceptions.

Milton H. Hadley reported that George Jones, our minister at Central Village, had taken a group of Young Friends to a Workcamp in Barnesville, O., which had been transferred from Friendsville, Tenn.

The four representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel reported they all attended. Ida M. Mosner gave an excellent report on that meeting The topics were: "Preparation of Associate Members for Full Membership" and "How to Reach Inactive Members". Floyd Moore of Lynn Meeting gave several points of helpful procedure: Attendance at the Junior and Young Friends Yearly Meetings, China Camp and Friends Schools, were reported. Friends ministers

A welcome was extended to visitors: Ann Lowry, of No. Dartmouth, James Wild of Amesbury, Hilton H. Hadley, Field Secretary, who called attention to the large variety of pamphlets on the preparation of Associates for Membership, and others. He also explained how some business methods would be helpful, such as local distributors, not of pamphlets only.

James A. Coney gave an example of how Jehovah's Witnesses increased their congregations to overflowing by door to door calling, and gave notice of the opened doors of Spring Street Friends Meeting House from 2-5 PM. each weekday through July and August.

Dorothy Williamson of Swansea Monthly Meeting spoke hopefully of changing conditions there and of a brighter outlook for the immediate future.

The Clerk spoke of the [illegible] new Field Secretary, Lewis I. Marstaller, to succeed Milton H. Hadley resigned, who with Freda his wife, now goes to Richmond, Indiana, as Secretary of Peace and Social Concerns. Their departure from among us is to be greatly regretted as we recall the fine work accomplished. We wish them continued success and contentment.

The meeting closed with the reading of the 1st Query with a comment by the Clerk on the its application a half century ago, and was adjourned to meet at Sandwich, Mass., 10th Mo. 12th, '57

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk.

Approved 10/12/57

The Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel met at Sandwich, Mass., 10th Mo. 12th '57

After meditation and prayer, the Clerk expressed our pleasure in being again in the Spring Hill Meeting House at East Sandwich for our Tercentenary Observance, warmly thanking the Cape members of the Tercentenary Committee for making this possible. Several

The Minutes of the preceding meeting in 7th Mo. were read and approved.

The Meeting was happy to welcome the presence among us of Arthur Jones, Clerk Winthrop, Me., Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel; J. Barnard Walton of Phila., Secy. of Friends General Conference; Levinus K. Painter of Collins, NY., recently returned from overseas work with the Board of Friends Foreign Missions in Africa and the coastal islands, the Far East and Europe; also Earnest H. Weed and wife now serving Allens Neck Meeting, and James Wild of Amesbury, Mass.

The list of representatives from the Monthly Meetings was read and checked: all were present but four. Excuses were given for two.

A committee was appointed to bring in names of persons to serve at Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the following year or until another appointment. These are: Philip H. Cornell, Lilian Sherman, Bessie Martin.

As this was an historic occasion, the Clerk read the first Queries ever used, as of 1682, in London Yearly Meeting, addressed to the Quarterly Meetings. In 1696 these three were expanded to seven. In 1953, another was added. English Friends now use seventeen Queries. We have four in this meeting, nine in the Quarterly Meeting.

James A. Coney spoke of the indomitable faith and courage of other religious groups who bore imprisonment and death as well as our own martyrs in New England, whom we were remembering at our 300th Anniversary, and felt that present day Friends compromised, feeling such extremes not necessary today. He hoped we might develop more of that spirit of earnestness and stand firmly for what we believe.

Levinus K. Painter spoke of the largest Yearly Meeting in the world in Kenya, Africa, and that the natives are on probation, before allowed membership, for two and a half years, with spiritual progress reported. We in this country take our cultural background for granted, not realizing the situation of a people so recently worshiping the gods of the fields and placating evil spirits-how they must be shone the way to our ONE GOD. It is not done in one generation.

In closing the Clerk read the prayer: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever."

The meeting adjourned to meet in New Bedford, Mass. in 4th Mo. 1958, God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at New Bedford 1st month 11, 1958.

After a period of silence the minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

We were glad to welcome Louis J. Marstaller, Field Secretary, who attended with his wife and two small children; Ernestine Ramla, a native of Czechoslovakia, now living in Amesbury and Larry Begga a recently named minister to the Swansea Meeting.

The representatives from the various Monthly Meetings were all present.

Philip Cornell reported for the committee which was appointed to bring in names of Friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk for another year. This committee suggested the names of Alice Howland Macomber, clerk and Hettie A. Tripp, assistant clerk. The meeting approved these names.

James Coney spoke with great concern of the world situation at the present time and what should the Society of Friends be doing about it. He urged that we should arrange group prayer meetings, asking God to reveal to us His will and hope that the will of God will be known around the world, hoping to change the

The Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel met at Smith Neck 4th Mo.12/38

After a period of meditation and prayer,the Clerk read Peter's admonition to Elders of the Church in Chap.5.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Representatives of the Monthly Meetings were all present.

"epresentatives were appointed to the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel: Ernest H.Weed;James A.Coney;Florence A.Carr;Ida M.Mesner;PhilipH.Cornell; Alice Howland Macomber.

James A.Coney spoke to the topic for study in preparation for the Yearly Meeting:"How do we prepare Associate Members for full membership and Reactivate members?" Some applicants for membership are accepted who do not give full expression of their belief,and Friends Meetings and Meeting Houses are open to all.Perhaps in this day of so much agnosticism and real atheism,we should be more careful to see that our messages are not watered down or compromised by those within our group, where there are some who even believe we must use violence.Our message is clear-cut, we compromise and are careful not to offend those who differ.He felt it was important to clear candidates for membership;that they should be fully instructed for active membership,and if not clear,placed on list for further study in order to learn more thoroughly our testimonies as Friends.

Dorothy Williamson thought Elders might also go to school,and asked how mary could be probing,yet sweet and not discouraging,while putting our Queries across strongly.

Ernest H.Weed reported three classes in instruction for membership at Allens Neck:1st-What It Means To Be A Christian;2nd Joing a religious body,a church; Joining a Friends Meeting.

The Clerk read the Queries for membership in the African Yearly Meeting, giving the savage background from which these natives come through three years of study and training and probation.

Donald MsCloud spoke of differing situations and that to young persons,the meeting meant a place of worship,and an applicant needs careful encouragement,that our records show a falling membership which may be due to a faulty approach.

Harry W.Allen said a Quaker is not made in fifteen minutes;it is a lifetime job,and of well done,"By their fruits ye shall know them";that new members are influenced by those they mingle with,and that older members learn from them in surprising ways.

With no further business,the meeting adjourned to meet in 7th Mo.next.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

Approved 7th Mo. 12/38

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at West Falmouth, Mass.,7th Mo.12th,'58

The session opened with a period of silence and prayer.
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.
The Representatives of the five Monthly Meetings were present with 3 exceptions.
The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel report they attended 100%.
The absence of Joseph L.Hiller and his wife Florence,who is seriously ill, was regretted and a note of sympathy and a note of sympathy and concern sent to them.
The Meeting welcomed the presence of our Field Secretary Lewis J.Marstaller, Pearl Spoon,head mistress of the Girls School in our Mission in Kenya,East Africa,also Ann Lowry,a minister from No.Dartmouth,Mass.Meeting.
A report on the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel was given by Ida M. Mesner and Ernest H.Weed who spoke briefly on several matters including the subject of joining the General Conference.
Louis J.Marstaller introduced Pearl Spoon,Head Mistress of the Girls School in our Mission in Kenya,E.Africa.She told of the difficulties,not of too few members,but of too many,of our African Friends Meeting,which now numbs 28,000,where they must seek to resolve ancient tribal prejudices,also the jealousy between upper and lower grades in education,and the vast uneducated background still,of traditional enemies.But she felt they were a new country which would right itself eventually.
The topics for next years discussion in the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel were:"Our Ministerial Training" and "Our Quaker Attitude Toward Outward Rites",with the recommendation that Monthly Meetings study these and send as Representatives those who can expect to attend and are informed on these subjects."A Friends' Minister and His Training" was recommended for study. Ann G.Lowry,who suggested the second topic, spoke briefly to it.
All Friends are welcomed to the meeting of Ministry and Counsel,not only ministers and elders as formerly,and to voice Concerns, but conclusions should be the concern of members only.
The Clerk read two excerpts,one by Norman Cousins,distinguished editor of the Saturday Review on the sailing of the ketch Golden Rule to the South Pacific stating that while we might question the methods of these courageous believers, we could not doubt the motives.
The Meeting closed with reading the Third Query as bearing on the subjects, and adjourned to meet in Sandwich,Mass.in 10th Mo.
(A note of appreciation was sent the Police Dept.of West Falmouth for traffic control and the fine courtesy of the officer in charge.)
Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

The Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at Sandwich,Mass. 10th Mo.11th,'58.

For the period of meditation and prayer,the Clerk read a poem entitled "The Master's Way",written by George Badgley,Field Secy.of New York Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk recalled that it was just a year ago that we celebrated our 300th Anniversary at Sandwich,on just such a beautiful day of blue skies and glowing Autumn color,and that we were most grateful then ,as we are today,to Annie E.Rose and her helpers for the loving care which has made the occasions so enjoyable.It was also stated that The American Friend is now running as a series,the historical address by Alice Howland Macomber at the Tercentenary.The Clerk read from Marlin Dawson, that our 300 years of life as a Meeting,has been and will be,measured by how keenly aware we are of that Spirit of Life God desires of us,and how courageously we have acted.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The absence of James and Elsie Coney,who have returned to Virginia,was noted with regret.,and a welcome extended to Lewis J.Marsteller,our Field Secretary;to James Wild from Amesbury; to George Hinshaw who is attending Mattapoisett Meeting.

Herbert Stevens of Westport and other representatives of the Monthly Meetings were present with four exceptions,two of whom were attending the Meeting of the Peace and Social Concerns Com.at Woolman Hill.

A Com.was chosen to bring forward at the next meeting,the names of members to serve as Clerk and Asst.Clerk--Gladys Gifford,Esther Bowman, herbert Stevens

A Memorial to Florence L.Hiller was read and approved . Several spoke of her courage during failing health,her faith in God's love. Minute approved

A letter was read from the Lincoln School in closing their program for the year hoping to promote interest between the Friends Schools and the Meetings.

Lewis Marstaller spoke strongly of our great need for leadership and quoted from the Query recognizing spiritual gifts ,stating that the Five Years Meeting is taking steps to encourage more and better leadership. Several spoke strongly to this concern.

Joseph L.Hiller read Earl D.Wilson's tribute to Rufus Jones published in the Standard Times,also the review of the biography in The American Friend.The discussion on the relevancy of the Quarterly Meeting was carried forward to the Business Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to meet in New Bedford in Jan.,1959

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

approved 1/11/59

MEMORIAL

It is with tangible sorrow that we record the death of 7th Mo.24th,'58, of Florence L.,an elder and a member of Mattapoisett Preparative Meeting, and wife of Joseph L.Hiller.

She was born in Roxbury,Mass. and studied voice in Noston and Phila.,giving generously of her talent wherever opportunity offered.

Frequently quoting from the Bible and from appropriate poems showed her love of God's world and for her Meeting.She will be greatly missed for her loving friendliness,leaving the record of a devoted Christian service.

"For the earth and all its beauty,
For the sky and all its light,
For the dim and soothing shadows
That rest the dazzled sight;
For unfading fields and prairies
Where sense in vain has trod,
For the world's exhaustless beauty,
We thank thee,O,our God."

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

When on my day of life the night is falling,
And in the winds from unsunned spaces blown;
I hear far voices out of darkness calling
My feet to paths unknown,
Thou,who hast made my home of life so pleasant,
Leave not its tenant when its walls decay;
O Love divine, O Helper ever present,
Be Thou my strength and stay!

Since the previous Quarterly Meeting in 1st Mo. we mourn the passing of Olive C.Whitmarsh,long a member abd faithful worker in New Bedford Preparative Meeting;of J.Arnold Wright a birthright member,also of New Bedford;of Cora E.Taber of Long Plain Preparative Meeting.

non-attender — Harold Anderson
previously 11/59 Sarah B. Gifford
non-attender Alexander Wright

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Council. Held 1-11-1959
at the Spring Street Meeting House in New Bedford.

In the absense of both the clerk and the assistant clerk Ernest Weed Called the Meeting to order and the Meeting was opened with a period of quiet worship.

The Meeting concured in the appointment of Ernest Weed as clerk for the day.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by Harry Allen and were accepted.

The Nominating Committee reported the names of Alice Howland Macomber, as clerk, and the name of Dr. Frank Lepreau as assistant clerk for the coming year. It was noted by a member of the Westport Meeting that Dr. Lepreau's appointment as an Elder had expired and that he had voluntarily withdrawn from the Ministry and Council body in the local Meeting. After some discussion, the appointment of the assistant clerk was put over to the April Meeting. The nomination for Clerk was accepted.

There was some confusion as to the list of representatives since only two Meetings had reported. It was suggested that the clerks of the local Meetings be reminded to send in the names of their representatives in advance of each Quarterly Meeting. By a show of hands there were fifteen members of local Meetings on Ministry and Council present, and a total attendance of about twenty five.

Herbert Stevens indicated some of the problems the Westport Meeting is facing at the present time and said that any help the Quarterly Meeting could give would be appreciated. A discussion followed during which Dorothy Williamson and others spoke encouragingly and sympathetically. Louis Marstaller, Yearly Meeting Field Secretary, suggested the appointment of a committee to work with the Westport Meeting giving what aid and guidance possible. The committee named included - Ernest Weed, Harry Allen, Louis Marstaller and Donald Mcleod; two others nominated declined two serve. The time of the Westport Monthly Meeting has been changed from the second First Day following Morning Meeting to the second Fourth Day in the evening at seven-thirty. A significant suggestion concerning the Committee was made by Harry Allen in that he hoped that Jesus Christ would be recognized as the chairman of the committee rather than any one of the four people named.

By the close of the Meeting several visiting Friends had come in, a number of whom were members of the Yearly Meeting Committee on Peace and Social Concerns who were starting a visitation program. Those present were -- Elizabeth Jones and Willard Hare of Worcester, Jeannette Smith and Gwendolin Halewood of Prividence Meeting, Mr. and mrs James Toothaker of the Lawrence Meeting, Louis Marstaller of the Durham Meeting, James Wilde of Amesbury, Elizabeth Knowlton, and Sidney Adams of the New Bedford Inter-Church Council.

The suggestion of having some person, possibly hired by the Quarterly Meeting, to serve the whole Quarterly Meeting where ever need arose in a visiting, consulting and advisory capacity, was layed over to the next meeting due to the latness of the hour.

The Meeting concluded, purposing to meet in Fourth Month at a time and place designated by the Quarterly Meeting.

Ernest H. Weed
Clerk for the Day.

appv. 4/11/59

1972 STATE OF SOCIETY REPORT
SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING

Attendance has been low, though improving slightly. For the most part, the same people come each time, and non-attending members are little touched by the Quarterly Meeting. For those who do attend, the meetings are useful, but most Friends seem satisfied with their own local meetings and see no need to meet with other Friends. We see a serious failure that Friends can not even miss each other, that they lose the value of each other's counsel and loving spirit without even realizing their loss.

Times of worship have been moved around to fit with the programs of the Quarterly sessions. Worship which should generate and inspire a Quarter's business has been too often reactive and sterile, somehow separate from ongoing or constructive concerns.

We shall urge those in our midst with demonstrated gifts to be with us more regularly. Also we shall pray for more general attendance from our several meetings with a view to uncovering and sharing the living message that is forever waiting an opening.

Ministry and Counsel of the Quarter met only once in 1972 but looks to greatly expanded activities with more frequent sessions next year.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held 4th Mo.11th,'59 at Central Village Friends Meeting House.

After a period of silent worship the Clerk gave a prayer-poem,
"God knew atomic might before men put to sea,
Or tilled the giving land--"

Appreciation was expressed to the Friends of Central Village for their hospitality,and the comfort and convenience emphasized in contrast to the plight of Friends in Oriente Province,Cuba,as related by the Clerk.

The Field Secy.,Louis Marstaller,presented visiting Friends who were Harold Chance of Phila.,Director of Friends Peace Service and author of several peace publications;Myron and Ruth Jenness of NH.Philip Miller, recently appointed minister at Central Village was introduced and all were cordially welcomed.

The list of Reps.from the Monthly Meetings was read.All were present with one exception,and welcomed by Frances Howland,as were all present,for the Westport Mo.Mtg.

The Representatives appointed to the Yearly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel were Dr.Frank J.lePreau of Westport Mo.Mtg.;Ernest H.Weed of Allens Neck; Ida M.mesner of New Bedford.,who were given the topics to be discussed at the June session with reports expected at the next meeting of Ministry and Counsel.

In Memoriam,the Clerk noted the death since the January meeting of J.Arnold Wright ,OliveCWhitmarsh of New Bedford Prep.Mtg.,Cora E.Taber of Long Plain Meeting.

Gladys Gifford,Chm.of Allens Neck Meeting,presented the report naming Dr.Frank J.LePreau of Westport Meeting as Asst.Clerk of Sand.Quarterly Mtg. of Min.& Counsel.This was approved.He succeeds Hetty A.Tripp of Dartmouth,who so faithfully filled the office over a period of years.

As a matter of unfinished business,the Field Secretary spoke to the proposal to have a part-time Friends minister or worker to come to the meetings in this area in a "visiting,consulting,advisory capacity",expenses to be met through the Kirby Fund,plus contributions from the meetings served,who also would provide hospitality.General expression approved the idea and the tentative plan left with the Field Secretary to see what arrangement can be made.

Harold Chance spoke to his concern for the Indonesian refugees now flooding Holland in such numbers that another outlet is necessary- preferably America.He gave the remarkable efficient qualifications of these people and the entrance requirements necessary to be met.Phila.Friends Meeting has sponsored eighteen of these families and he hoped that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting might open its doors to one or more of these families.

The meeting concluded to meet with Somerset Friends in 7th Mo.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

Approved

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel held at So.Somerset,Mass.,7th Mo.11/59

After silence and prayer the Clerk read the opening and closing paragraphs of the London Epistle.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Representatives of the Monthly Meetings were present with four exceptions. " to the Yearly Mtg. of Min. & Counsel then attended.
The Meeting welcomed the presence of Russell D.Brooks of Woolman Hill;Caleb A.Smith of Great Barrington;Lewis J.Marstaller,Field Secretary, Ann Gidley Lowry + others.

The two subjects assigned by the Yearly Mtg.of Min.& Counsel for study during the year were:"Our Quaker Attitude toward Outward Rites" and"Our Ministerial Training". Ernest H.Weed,Rep. reported that the Yearly Mtg.Com. to consider these subjectc asked for more time on Ministerial Training, ~~for consideration~~. Ann Gidley Lowry, a member of that Com.explained that the two subjects could not be properly presented within the time limit,so the Com.had concentrated on the second subject of "Outward Rites".
An animated discussion, with full participation, followed, of the first subject.

Dr.Frank J.Lepreau,Rep. reported on the panel discussion of "Outward Rites",the second subject,which was also followed by discussion which brought out varying views ,and with the basic Quaker attitude clearly evaluated by Caleb Smith.

The Field Secretary reported a new board set up by the Five Years Mtg. to assist in Ministerial Training;also a new booklet,a Handbook for Elders,now on the press.

Gordon Brown reported on the plans for Quaker Day in August at Sandwich. [illegible]

The Clerk read the 3rd Query bearing on Ministerial Training,and also expressed appreciation for the hospitality extended by Swansea Mo.Mtg.

The Meeting reluctantly concluded to meet at/Allens Neck in 10th Mo.

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk

approved, 10th Mo. 10th '59

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Westport Friends Meeting
Main Road, Westport, Mass. September- October
Worship- Each First Day: 10:45 am
Phone: 636-4963

"A woman once came to Mahatma Gandhi with her little boy. She asked, 'Mahatma-ji, tell my little boy to stop eating sugar.'
'Come back in three days,' said Gandhi.
In three days the woman and the little boy returned and Mahatma Gandhi said to the little boy, 'Stop eating sugar.'
The woman asked, 'Why was it necessary for us to return after three days for you to tell my little boy that?'
The Mahatma replied: 'Three days ago I had not stopped eating sugar.'"
Remember Be Here Now- Baba Ram Dass

First Day Sept. 23- Message: Doris Ashley; Quarterly Ministry and Counsel, 1 pm, Westport Friends Meeting.
" " Sept. 30- Message: Frances Howland; Finance Committee.
" " Oct. 7- Message: Lawrence Kennison; Ministry and Counsel.
" " Oct. 14- MONTHLY MEETING
" " Oct. 21- Message: Wesley Panunzio

9/14- 9/16/73- Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, Farrington Memorial, Lincoln, Mass.
10/2- 10/4/73- Worship Sharing Retreat sponsered by Y.M. Ministry and Counsel- "Knowing the Light"-John Yungblut of Pendle Hill. Farrington Memorial, Lincoln, Mass.

MONTHLY MEETING-9/9/73 After careful screening and censorship the following items were considered newsworthy and printable: 1) Due to the "failing humor" of the executive secretary, the editor of this newsletter, the Meeting approved his taking a two (?) week vacation (?). In his travels he will visit Virginia Beach Monthly Meeting of Friends, Va. Beach, Va.. A minute of greeting from our Meeting will be sent with him to Va. Beach. 2) Our Meeting approved the donation of our second organ as a gift to the Westport School System. Edward L. Macomber, to whose memory the organ is dedicated, was active in the life of both our Meeting and the town of Westport. It is appropriate that the organ will now be of service in the life of the schools of Westport. 3) Grounds: A special thanks to Peter Kirkaldy and Karen Swanteson for their help on the Parsonage grounds. The windows and yard would have been a "pane" without their "mulch" needed assistance. We are even in possession of a fine new lawn mower. What "mower" could we ask! 4) The Learning Tree School may still wish to use the Community House. If the School is able to find permanent housing it may nee the Community House as temporary quarters during the time it would take to repair and modify the new building. 5) The Archives and Historical Records Committee of the Yearly Meeting has contacted us concerning our records. Our Minutes have been microfilmed and the necessary repairs on the books is in progress. We thank Eleanor Tripp for the concern and effort she has taken in helping us to preserve and appreciate our historical records. 6)***Westport Monthly Meeting of Friends announces the marriage of Sharon Beth Wood and Jay Eric Kiefer. The marriage will be held under the care of the Meeting on Saturday, September 15, 1973 at the Meeting House..."To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving." -Kahlil Gibran

QUARTERLY MINISTRY AND COUNSEL Sandwich Quarterly Ministry and Counsel will meet on First Day, Sept. 23 at Westport from 1-3:30 pm. Bring your own lunch--dessert and beverage will be provided. Meeting for Worship will begin at 1:30 followed by the Business Meeting. Virginia Towle, chairperson

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of Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, will be with us to discuss the roles of Ministry and Counsel at the Yearly Meeting, Quarterly Meeting, and local Meeting levels. A "Special Event" is also promised. All Ministry and Counsel members and interested people (not to imply that Ministry and Counsel members are not people) are urged to attend. "We NEED the ideas and commitment of ALL of us to enliven and enrich this meeting and our local Meetings." PLEASE ATTEND **** HAVE YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED*****

OMNIUM GATHERUM ***We are still collecting paper (newspapers, magazines, books) to be recycled. *** Help us recycle old newsletters of the Meeting. The replies from our previous appeals have been underwhelming--a response of zero. I am sure that some copies have survived the circular file. Any pre-1973 newsletter would be gratefully received and sent back after xeroxing. *** Happy Birthday to Karen Swanteson (Sept. 16). *** Our "good vibrations" go with Peter Kirkaldy as he begins his first year at R.P.I.. *** In October there will be a good supply of split firewood for those members lucky enough to have a fireplace. Check with the Parsonage before taking any....there is a waiting list. *** Doug Redefer regrets not having been able to attend meeting and wants us to know that we are in his thoughts. (Quite a large imagination) He hopes to attend as soon as his transportation problems are solved. Editorial license: his Rolls Royce is out of commission and he hasn't found a suitable replacement yet. *** This newletter should be proof positive of the executive secretary's "failing humor".

ANNIVERSARIES October marks the anniversaries of membership into our Meeting of: Ella Philpot Boyd 10/10/56 Lloyd Brightman 10/21/39
Edna Leuvelink 10/10/56

Birthdays (Due to the protests of the S.P.F.A.B.Y.G.*we have not printed the years.)

Frank Lepreau Oct. 6
Frances Howland Oct. 7
Peter Kirkaldy Oct. 14
Helen Borden Oct. 15
Mary Pettey Oct. 17
Jean Hudson Oct. 18
Virginia Wood Oct. 18
Theresa Gifford Oct. 28

*For those who were curious-this is a group originally founded by a number of Westport Scrabble players. The initials stand for The Society for the Preservation of the Fine Art of Birth Year Guessing.

Wedding Anniversaries: Frank and Miriam Lepreau Oct. 8

ENCLOSURE:
The enclosed card was approved by Ministry and Counsel. It was written with the purpose of giving those who attend or are interested in the Meeting some guide and understanding of the different aspects of a Friends Meeting for Worship.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel at Allens Neck, 10th Mo. 10th, '59

After silence and prayer the Clerk read the prophet Jeremiah's three-point project for the Society of Friends.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read the list of Representatives from three Monthly Meetings out of six. There were two absences.

Ernest H. Weed and Herbert H. Stevens were appointed a Com. to bring forward names of members to serve as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the coming year.

The Clerk read from a letter to Krushchev by the Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative) calling his attention to our American freedom of religion.

A welcome was extended to James Wild of Amesbury, to members of the Christian Education Com., to Lewis J. Marstaller, Field Secretary who called attention to the display of booklets in the foyer especially the Handbook for Elders, quoting from the introduction.

Ernest H. Weed had a concern for the use of the Kirby Fund, a matter brought up at the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel in 1st MO. in New Bedford. He felt it might be well used in procuring a worker to be of assistance to all meetings in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. Donald McCloud read the Kirby will and the subject was discussed at length by Herbert H. Stevens, Lewis J. Marstaller and others who all felt that the choice of such suitable person was a grave responsibility and difficult to achieve, but that the Field Secretary might be able to get information at the coming Conference.

Donald McCloud spoke of our failure as a Society in reaching out to attract people, and of our shrinking numbers. Ernest Weed felt that a worker among us would deepen our spiritual life, and if we can prove we are dynamic, others will be attracted to us.

Harry W. Allen stated that a non-member must have a strong interest within himself to want to come among us, and that Jesus attracted the multitude by the simplicity of the truth He taught. So we, with faith and the spirit of the Master, will draw all men unto Him.

The Clerk read the 1st Query directly bearing on this subject.

No further business coming before us the Meeting adjourned to meet in New Bedford in 1st Mo., God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

appr.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel at New Bedford
1st month, 9th, 1960

The Meeting was opened by a period of silence.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read the list of representatives from Monthly Meetings as follows:

New Bedford
Ruth H. Taber-absent
Bessie H. Martin-present
Joseph L. Hiller-present
Eunice E. Ransom-present
Hinson V. Howlett-present
Ida M. Mesner-present

Swansea
Ethel J. Frye-present

Westport
Herbert Stevens-present
Frank J. Lepreau-present

Sandwich
Annie Rose-present

Dartmouth
Donald McCloud-present
Florence Carr-present
Frank Kelly-present

Allen's Neck
Gladys Gifford-present
Lillian A. Sherman-present

The names of Alice Howland Macomber as Clerk and Frank J. Lepreau as Assistant Clerk were suggested and approved for the year 1960.

Louis Marstaller reported that he is continuing his search for a worker to be of assistance in the quarterly meeting and whose remuneration would be supplied by the Kirby Fund.

Frank Kelly, Minister of the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, who was recognized.

Donald McCloud spoke on the importance of inter-visitation between all Meetings.

Louis Marstaller reminded us of the handbook for elders, that we should frequently read it and read from it in Meetings and use it as our guide book.

It was approved that Ernest Weed should call a meeting reasonably soon of concerned Friends in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting to improve the spiritual condition of their Meeting using the handbook for elders as a guide.

Ernest Weed reminded all that meetings of Ministry and Counsel were open to all and that all were welcome.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting (continued)

Dorothy Averill of Amesbury asked that members should sit closer to the front and speak louder.

No further business coming before us, the meeting adjourned to meet 4 month, 9, 1960 at Smith Neck.

Frank J. Lapreau
Asst. Clerk.

approved 4/9/60

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel at Smith Neck,Mass.,4th Mo.9/60

After a period of silence the Rev.Hinson V.Howlett offered prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The list of Representatives from the Monthly Meetings was read with one absence.

Representatives were chosen for the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel:

Allens Neck	-	Ernest Weed-Esther Weed
New Bedford	-	Ida M.Mesner
Mattapoisett	-	Earle D.Wilson Joseph L.Hiller
Westport	-	
Swansea	-	
Dartmouth	-	Philip H.Cornell Florence Carr
So.Yarmouth	-	

A letter from the Com.on Arrangements regarding the joint holding of the Sandwich and Rhode Island Meetings at Apponegansett 7th Mo.9th,was discussed by Dorothy F.Williamson ,Herbert H.Stevens and others and the proposed arrangements approved.

Welcome was extended to our Field Secretary Louis J.Marstaller,James Wild and two friends from India,Dr.herbert Hayre and wifewho were speakers at the afternoon session.

The Field Sec.spoke to a letter re.the Training for Ministry and requesting funds.Referred to the Quarterly Meeting.

The Field Secy.also spoke to a letter received from Ernest J.Weed relative to the"Strength and Weskness of our Meetings".After discussion the Meeting appr. consultation with Moses Bailey for time,place and subject of a second meeting to follow that of 1st Mo.24th in New Bedford.Referred to the Quarterly Meeting and to Ernest J.Weed.

Following these the Clerk read "Needs Elders can Meet' from the Handbook for Elders.

The Clerk spoke feelingly of the death of ElsieF.,wife of James E.Coney,our minister in 1958;she passed away in February in Sedley in Virginia.

The Meeting adjourned to meet at Apponegansett ,7th Mo.9th,1960

Alice Howland Macomber,Clerk
Dr.Frank J.lepreau,Jr.,Asst.Clerk

The Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel meeting with the Rhode Island Meeting of Ministry and Counsel at Apponegansett, 7th Mo. 9th, '60

Leading to silent meditation, the Clerk spoke of a sense of the presence of God within the ancient walls charged with accumulated waves of religious feeling, giving forth a current of inspiration to help us go forth to lead others to the LIght, and welcomed friends to share the peace of the ages revealed to those who wait-nad pray.
Silent prayer followed.

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of M&C
Minutes of the previous meeting/were read and approved.

The list of Representatives to Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of M&C was read all were present with one exception.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting of M&C from Sandwich Quarterly Mtg. were read and all had attended.

The Clerk of the Rhode Island Yearly Meeting of M&C. spoke of the value of occasional change and read their lists of Representatives.

Memorials on the death of Edward N. White and Thomas *Hathaway of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting were read by Earle D. Wilson.

The Rhode Island Clerk spoke on the Continuation Com. and two members from each Quarterly Meeting were appointed to serve. From Sandwich, Earnest E. Weed and HarryW. Allen were appointed.

Reports on the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel were given by Ida M. Mosher and Earnest E. Weed.

The Clerk reminded friends gathered in this house of peace and prayer that the reading of the Queries would center minds on the examples set by those long since gone before, and alternated reading with the Rhode Island Clerk.

The Meeting concluded to meet in Sandwich, 10th Mo., God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

approved -

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Sandwich, 10th Mo. 8th, '60/

Prayer for our enemies prefaced the period of meditation.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A warm welcome was extended to Friends from out of town whose presence proved most helpful.

The list of Representatives was read with six absences and excuse for two.

A Nominating Com. was appointed to bring in names of members to serve as Clerk and assistant Clerk for the coming year: Philip H. Cornell
Ida M. Mesner
Jos. L. Hiller

There was no report from the 2-member Continuation Com. because of the absence of one member, but Harry W. Allen and the Asst. Clerk stressed that the need for Friends ministers be transmitted to the Contin. Com. Meeting in Cambridge in Nov. Leila E. Taylor of Durham, Me. meeting felt that each member is responsible for the meeting for worship and that Ministry & Counsel can further the growth and activity.

The Clerk read a Minute of Appreciation for the services of Ernest H. Weed, Minister at Allens Neck, and his wife Esther, who go to take charge of Friends House on Beacon Hill, Boston. This was approved and the Clerk directed to forward same.

Suggestion for the observance of the Anniversary of the George Fox Peace Affirmation in Oct. and Nov. were recommended and the original statement read. Several meetings announced pland already formulated and that speakers are available from the Com. on Peace and Social Concerns.

Attention was called to the new Friends publication, "Quaker Life", the combining of The American Friend and Quaker Action. Copies were displayed for distribution.

No further business coming before us we adjourned to meet in New Bedford, 1st Mo./61

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk
Dr. Frank J. Lepreau, Asst. Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at New Bedford 1st month 8th, 1961

Meeting was opened with a period of quiet worship.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The clerk reported we were left with 2 absences.

The nominating Committee reported the names of Allen Hilliard members at Large, Ruth Frank J. Upham as Assistant Clerk. New names were approved.

Lewis Mosher and Ernest Wilbur were appointed to the responsibility of arranging each Friends in their respects

Members present members who
are missing and Guests
thought then spiritually very
well that the selection
in this action rests with
missing and Council.

Ada Moore asked Friends to
be informed about the activity
schedule and approved
unbeffiers about an article in
Quakerism that should be sent
attitude toward alcohol.

Ida Moore read minute
on the passing of Rachel Nelson
Nolan which appeared.

The meeting adjourned with a
worship at 8 March 6, 1951

Emma Hoffman
Past Clerk

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING OF MINISTRY AND COUNSEL AT CENTRAL VILLAGE

APRIL 8, 1961

The Reverend Ruth, pastor at Central Village Meeting, led the meditation and worship.

Representatives from Monthly Meetings were present with five exceptions.

Representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel are:

Alice Howland Macomber
Harry W. Allen

Welcome was extended to Field Secretary Louis J. Marstaller and our friend and former minister among us, James Wild of Amesbury.

A concern for vitality and spiritual renewal in our meetings by Glenn Reece, Gen. Secretary, Five Years Meeting and tying in with the topic for the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel discussion, was read by the Clerk, elaborated in detail by Harry W. Allen. This was followed by earnest discussion.

Query Three, relative to this subject, was read by the Clerk.

The Meeting adjourned to meet at West Falmouth, Massachusetts in 6th month, God guiding us.

Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk

This report was read and approved.

484 Russells Mills Road,
So.Dartmouth,Mass.,
5/15/61

Donald M. McLeod,Clerk,
So.Dartmouth,Mass.

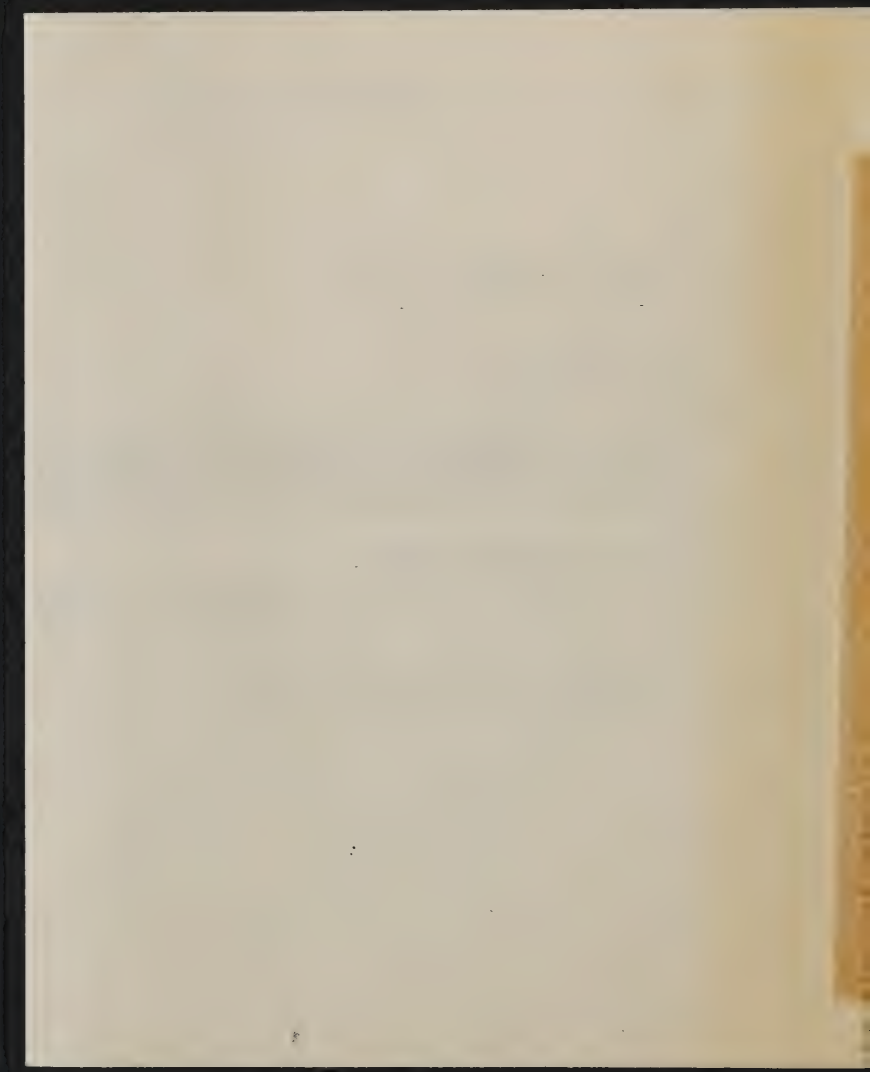
Dear Friend;

After a period of service which has been both a privilege and a blessing, I am resigning,as of date,both as Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel and as Clerk of New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

I am cordially thine,

Alice Hovland MacMaster

Copies to Assistant Clerks



Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Council at West Falmouth
7th month, 8th, 1961

Meeting opened with period of silence.

Harry Allen gave a report on the Meeting of Ministry and Council at Yearly Meeting. Some of the ideas expressed at Yearly Meeting:

We need to be steadfast in living the teachings of Jesus. Also we must be bold in presenting the same.
The Lord has come to proclaim the Will of God and also present new instructions and disciplines.
To be deeply rooted in the Spirit developes some degree of Ministry.
What is real Ministry? It is a big question but Ministry should deal with all phases of life.
Members of Meetings should come prepared to take part in Worship Service.
We need individual participation in our Meetings to strengthen our Friends message to outsiders.
We need to be deeply rooted in the Spirit in order to reach out into the World for the World is in a contest for men's minds.
Religious experience is essential to a deep and broad spiritual life.
Truth is learned by contact with the Divine.
We need a knowledge of the experiences of other people that we may understand them.
Evangelism is an old word but should be used to orient one another into a religious life.

Ernest Weed spoke briefly on "Yearly Meeting is doing a very important work and there should be a deep concern for Friends Ministry."

Louis Marstaller was present and spoke briefly on Quaker men.

There arose a discussion on what should be done about keeping contact with absent members.

Some Meetings were contacting absent members by personal letters and letters from Meetings.

A revision of membership lists was suggested and absent members were advised to contact some meeting near them and so could be transferred to another Meeting.

Ministry and council might suggest each individual of Meeting contact some absent member, thereby establishing a personal contact.

Ralph Cook is moving to Rockland, Maine.

A concern for Friends who are living outside of the U.S.A. brought out a suggestion that some sort of clearing house should be established where information concerning these people could be secured. The Clerk of Yearly Meeting is to send a request to the general conference and Five Year Meeting to establish such a clearing house.

Representatives to attend Yearly Meeting Ministry of Council are;

Alice Howland Macomber (Did not attend)
Harry W. Allen (attended)

Representatives to attend Ministry and Council at West Falmouth are as follows:

Allens Neck: Barbara Ericson, present
Bladys Gifford, absent

Smith Neck:
Donald McLeod, present
Nellie Gifford, present

Swanseá: D.
Dorothy Williams, present

Sandwich:
None

West Falmouth:
None

Westport:
Lloyd Brightman

New Bedford:
Eunice Ransom (absent, but reason given)
Joseph Hiller, present
Besse H. Martin, present
Ruth H. Taber, absent
Hinson V. Howlett, absent
Ida M. Messner, present

No further business, we conclude to meet in Swansea, 10th month 14th, 1961.

Harry W. Allen,
Clerk for the day

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Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Council at Swansea
10th month, 14th, 1961

Neither Clerk nor Assistant Clerk being present, the Meeting appointed Harry Allen to act as Clerk for the day.

The representatives from Monthly Meeting were as follows:

Allen's Neck:
Annette Smith, present
Harry Allen, present

New Bedford:
Hinson V. Howlett, Present
Ida M. Mesner, present
Bessie H. Martin, present
Joseph Hiller, absent
Earl D. Wilson, Absent

Swansea:
Ethel J. Frye, present
Laura B. Aydelot, present

Westport:
John Ruth, present.

Two visitors were present at this Meeting; Winslow Osborn and wife, Ruth, from Concord, New Hampshire, Ware Monthly Meeting.

James Wild spoke briefly on a contribution from Rufus Jones. New Eyes for Invisibles (Bridge Builders).

Louis Marsteilar was present and spoke on the responsibility of each Meeting to report on activities of each local Meeting such as what is planned and what has been accomplished.

John Ruth of Westport Meeting spoke of his Meeting and stated that Frank Lepreau had decided to make a trip to Africa to fulfill a desire to do something for our Master's Kingdom. He also stated that there was a great sense of cooperation among the members of the Meeting in that they face the facts of the problems and are a great help to each other. The response is slow but assuring.

Hinson V. Howlett offered a prayer for all works in God's Kingdom.

Earl Erickson spoke on Allen's Neck Meeting. We have an average attendance of 35 at morning service, a good spirit of cooperation is manifest in the Devotional Service.

A Sunday School attendance of 53 average and projects of various outreaches are carried out by the efforts of this group.

We have an active Meeting but wish it could be more active in the future.

A Memoriam to Lillian A. Sherman.
On August 19, 1961, Lillian A. Sherman of Dartmouth, a life long member of Allen's Neck Meeting, a faithful worker in our Missionary Society and a regular attender of our Meeting on Ministry and

Council, passed away. She will be greately missed.

We miss Alice Howland Macomber and the detailed reports she used to bring to this Meeting. On account of sickness she is unable to attend and it is suggested by this Meeting that a letter of sympathy be sent to her.

Gladys Gifford is appointed to write this letter.

No further business, we conclude to meet at New Bedford, 1st month, 13th, 1962.

Harry Allen
Clerk, pro tem

Harry Allen
Clerk, pro tem

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel at New Bedford
1st month, 13th, 1962

The Meeting was opened by a period of silent meditation and prayer.

The minutes of the previous Meeting held at Swansea, 10th month, 14th, 1961, were read and approved.

The Clerk read the list of representatives from Monthly Meetings as follows:

New Bedford
- Joseph A. Hiller - absent
- Eunice E. Ransom - absent
- Ruth H. Taber - absent
- Bertha Pierce - present
- Hinson V. Howlett - present
- Ida M. Mesner - present

Dartmouth
- Donald McCloud - present
- Philip Cornell - present
- Catherine Palmer - absent

Allen's Neck
- Dorothy Atcheson - present
- Barbara Ericson - absent

Westport
- Frank J. Lepreau - present
- Francis ~~Hallan~~ Hallan - absent

Swansea
- Ethel J. Frye - present
- Dorothy F. Williamson - present

Verne Wickenborg, pastor of Smith's Neck Meeting was welcomed.

Elsworth McAfee, pastor of Swansea Meeting was welcomed.

Harry Allan said that progress is our most important problem. What is progress? What do members think is the way to bring progress to our Meeting? Do not crowd too much in that we crowd too much out.

Dorothy Williamson said that Friends should spread the news of Quakerisms.
Mary Anna Macomber said that our purpose is to serve the present age.

Louis Marstellar said we should concentrate on the local situation. 60,000,000 people are without religious affiliation.

Ernest Weed said what is our individual impact on the community, the personal epistles for Christ.

John Ruth: We must respond to the call to be Christians. An air of expectancy is needed. Don't wait. Make a start.

The Meeting closed to meet 4th month, 14th, 1962, at Allen's Neck, God willing.

Frank Lepreau

Frank Lepreau
Clerk

STATISTICS FOR Marion Monthly MEETING FOR 1976

When Monthly Meetings consist of more than one Meeting (Preparative, Particular, Allowed, Worship Group), each Meeting should fill out a blank for the Monthly Meeting. Each Monthly Meeting should make up its report from these Meeting reports, where more than one is involved; otherwise use only the column at the right of the page.

On the Quarterly Meeting form one column should be filled in for each constituent Monthly Meeting and totals given in the right hand column.

	Constituent Meetings						Total
1. Number of Members last year (12/31/1975),							11
2. Additions due to Omissions in last year's Report,							0
3. Additions by Birth or Request of Parents,							1
4. Additions by Request, including from another Denomination							2
5. Additions by Certificate from another Friends Meeting,							0
6. Total Additions,							3
7. Loss due to Removal of Persons included by Error in last year's Report,							0
8. Loss by Death (list name and date on back of form),							0
9. Loss by Discontinuance, Resignation, or Disownment,							0
10. Loss by Transfer to another Friends Meeting,							0
11. Loss by Letter to another Denomination,							0
12. Total Loss,							0
13. Number of Members this year (12/31/1976),							14
14. Net Gain,							3
15. or Net Loss,							0
16. Number of Males,							6
17. Number of Females,							8
18. Number under 25 years of age,							2
19. Number over 65 years of age,							4
20. Number of Junior Members,							1
21. Number of Junior Members Transferred to Active Membership,							0
22. Number of Resident Members,[1]							12
23. Number of Non-Resident Members,							2
24. Average Attendance at Sunday Worship (estimate),[2]							7
25. Number of Sojourning & Affiliated Members,							0
26. Number Participating in Sunday Classes or Discussions,[3]							3
27. Number of Meetings held Regularly on Weekdays,[4]							0
28. Number of Members attending Friends' Schools and Colleges,[5]							0

Recorder or Clerk Susan Simon

1. Resident Members--those living within commuting distance.
2. Include those present for part of the time of Worship.
3. Adults, children, teachers, leaders.
4. Meetings for Worship, Discussion, etc. May describe on back of form.
5. Please list schools on back.

Prove your figures by adding number of Males and Females which should give total number of Members; also by adding Resident and Non-Resident Members.

The Monthly Meeting Recorder should keep a copy of these Statistics;
The Monthly Meeting Clerk should keep a copy of these Statistics with the Minutes;
One copy of these Statistics should be sent to the Quarterly Meeting Clerk;
One copy of these Statistics should be sent to the Yearly Meeting Office, The Maine Idyll, Freeport, ME 04032, by May 1, 1977.

The Quarterly Meeting Clerk should keep a copy of the Quarterly Meeting Statistics with the Quarterly Meeting Minutes.
One copy of the Quarterly Meeting Statistics should be sent to the Yearly Meeting Office, The Maine Idyll, Freeport, ME 04032, by May 1, 1977.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Minstry and Counsel at Allen's Neck
4th Month, 14th, 1962

The Meeting was opened by a period of silent meditation and prayer.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read a list of representatives from Monthly Meetings as follows:

New Bedford
- Joseph A. Hiller - present
- Earl D. Wilson - present
- Bessie H. Martin - present
- Hinson V. Howlett - present
- Ida M. Mesner - present

Swansea
- Audrey Chace -present
- Dorothy F. Williamson - present
- Ethel G. Hathaway - absent

Westport
- Llgyd Brightman - present
- John Ruth - present
- Frank J. Lepreau - present

Allen's Neck
- Rebecca Trask - present
- Carl Ericson - present

Dartmouth
- Donald McCloud - present

The queries for Ministry and Counsel were read by the Clerk.

Welcome was extended to Levinus Painter, visiting Friend from

Welcome was extended to Louis Marstellar, the field secretary.

Welcome was extended to Ernest Weed, resident in charge at Beacon Hills Friends House and former pastor of Allen's Neck Meeting.

A memorial to Alice Howland Macomber, Clerk of Ministry and Counsel for many years, was read and approved and passed on to Donald McCloud Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting with the expectation that in turn it would be passed on to the permanent board at the Yearly Meeting. Several spoke of their appreciation for Alice Howland Macomber's contribution to our own Ministry and Counsel and Friends principles everywhere.

Mary Anna Macomber said that she has a picture of Susan Kirby who gave the money for the fund of that name which in turn is responsible for Levinus Painter's spending a few weeks in our midst.

Harry Allan spoke for the need of each member to practise the way of Jesus Christ and for each Meeting to practice thus in their own community. This is the way we can make our Meetings attractive and grow and not necessarily by organization and social activities. We all should be witnesses daily for the Lord and thus attract people to our religious persuasion.

Levinus Painter indicated that each generation must build its own cairn or guidestones and the importance of calling on people in the community. We must be pioneers. We must live creatively. We must not live and work only in our own social circle.

The following members were appointed to be representatives of Ministry and Counsel at Yearly Meeting, 6th month, 19th, 2:00 p.m. at Pembroke, Tuesday.

Harry Allan
Donald McCloud
Frank Lepreau
Ida Mesner

Lloyd Brightman announced and invited anyone to attend a Meeting of a Committee on Meetings and Extensions, Amesbury, May 13th, Sunday, 2:00 p.m.. This is a group to give any advice to a Meeting seeking help or to help the formation of preparatory Meetings.

No further business, the Meeting closed proposeing to meet jointly with Rhode Island Quarter at Smith's Neck, 7th month, 14th, 10:00 a.m., 1962.

Frank Lepreau

Frank Lepreau
Clerk

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING OF
MINISTRY AND COUNSEL

Smith Neck
7th month, 14th, 1962

The meeting was opened by a period of silent meditation and prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Clerk read a list of representatives from Monthly Meetings as follows:

New Bedford:	Earl Wison, present
	Bessie Martin, present
	Ruth Tabor, present
	Alice Latham, present
Swansea:	Dorothy Williamson, present
	Audrey Chace, present
	Ethel J. Frye present
Westport:	Frances Howland, present
	John Ruth, present
Allen's Neck:	Harry Allen, present
Dartmouth:	Donald McCloud, present

The queries for Ministry and Counsel were read by the Clerk.

Harry Allen said that those who followed early Friends have not followed the faith and example of older Friends. He also asked if there is not some other Meeting besides the Allen's Neck Meeting who would be interested in a Quaker dialogue program.

Ida Nesner asked that we each one of us nuture the spiritual life and growth of others.

Dorothy Williamson and William Hartnett were distressed that young people at Yearly Meeting did not feel sure that Jesus Christ was their personal saviour and not a living God.

Vincent Howlett urged that we advise young Friends to the vocal Ministry.

Louis Marstellar spoke further concerning the Quaker dialogue and indicated that this would require three sessions, two hours each, and the collaboration of two Meetings. These sessions would discuss Meetings for worship, meetings for business and outreach.

No further business, the Meeting closed proposing to meet 10th month 13th at ~~Swansea~~ Sandwich.

Frank J. Lepreau, Jr.

Frank J. Lepreau, Jr.
Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel at New Bedford
1st month, 13th, 1963

The Meeting was opened by a period of silent meditation and prayer

The minutes of the previous Meeting held at Sandwich, 10th month, 13th, 1962 were read and approved.

The Clerk read the list of representatives from Monthly Meeting as follows:

New Bedford
- Hinson Howlett - present
- Bessie H. Martin - present
- Sarah Wright - present
- Ida Mesner - present
- Earl Wilson - present

Dartmouth
- Donald McLeod - present
- Philip Cornell - present

Allen's Neck
- Carl Ericson - present
- Barbara Ericson - present

Westport
- Frank J. Lepreau - present
- Ruth Howland - present
- Charles Brightman - present
- Mary Pettey - present
- Maude Brightman - present

Falmouth
- Annie Rose - present
- Gordon Brown - present
- Harold Hutchinson - present

Swansea
- Dorothy F. Williamson - present
- Ellsworth MacAfee - present
- Audrey Chace - absent
- Ethel Hathaway - absent

Frank Lepreau brought a message centered about two concerns. One for practicing simplicity in thinking and in actions and in wants of our daily living; and two, for active and missionary work in proclaiming our faith in the community.

Frank Lepreau said that he would prefer not to be a candidate for re-nomination for the position of Clerk because of his difficulty in maintaining regular attendance.

Harry Allen spoke concerning the necessity to simplify.

Ernest Weed spoke of the necessity of the necessity and the desirability of outreach and simplification in our daily lives.

Louis Marstellar said that we may have Committees for these things but they must be followed up like links in a chain or they will not be effective.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel at New Bedford, 1st month, 13th, 1963

The Meeting closed promising to meet at Westport 4th month, 13th, 1963, God willing.

Frank J. Lepreau

Frank J. Lepreau
Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel at Sandwich
10th Month, 13th, 1962

The Meeting was opened with meditation and prayer.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Representatives from the various meetings were as follows:

Smith's Neck:
Donald McCleod, present
Nellie Gifford, present

Allen's Neck:
Earl Erickson, present
Harry Allen, present

New Bedford:
Earl Wilson, present
Hinson Howlett, present
Ruth H. Taber, absent

Sandwich:
Gordon Brown, present

Swansea:
None

Westport:
Edwin Hinshaw, present
Ruth Howland, present

A minute from Lake Forest Monthly Meeting of Friends, P. O. Box 95, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Dear Friends:

This minute is to express to you through Harold and and Minna Margaret Hutcheson and their children, Shawne, Helen, Emily and Thomas, a greeting from this Meeting and to commend them to your company and care during their sabbatical sojourn away from their Meeting.

May their presence among you help to bring us all into that hoped for unity of response among Friends to the Inner Light in all men:

As approved by the Meeting, Eight day, Seventh month, 1962.

Lewis N. Waltore, Jr., Clerk

Louis Marstellar was present at this Meeting and spoke on Extension and Outreach of Church work in existing Meetings.

Three questions could be asked of Meetings: What do you see? What do you feel? What do you hear? when attending our Meetings. If we enhance the Life of the Spirit in our Meetings, outsiders will see and hear something very important to the Life of the Meeting.

Call on the Extension Committee for any help you need.

Gordon Brown, as a member of Discipline Revision Committee, requests any suggestions on Discipline to carry back to this Committee.

The passing of Joseph Hiller leaves a void in our Meetings and will ne greatly missed as he was a Faithful attender to his own Meeting and also at Quarterly and Yearly Meetings.

A Memorial will be presented at next January Meeting.

Lewis Marstellar read the new Queries on Ministry and Council.

No further business we conclude th meet at New Bedford.

Harry W. Allen
Clerk pro-tem

Harry W. Allen

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel at Westport
4th month, 13th, 1963.

The Meeting was opened by a period of silent meditation.

The minutes of the previous Meeting at New Bedford, 1st month, 13th, 1963 were approved as read.

The Clerk read the list of representatives from Monthly Meeting as follows:

New Bedford
- Bessie Martin - present
- Hinson Howlett - absent
- Ida Mesner - present
- Earl Wilson - absent

Dartmouth
- Donald McLeod - present
- Philip Cornell - present

Allen's Neck
- Annette Smith - present
- Harry Allen - present

Westport
- Frank Lepreau - present
- Francis Howland - present

Swansea
- Ellsworth MacAffee - present
- Dorothy F. Williamson - present

Yarmouth
- David Douglas - present

Frank Lepreau read a report from Lloyd Brightman concerning his time at Friends Africa Mission, Kaimosi.

The following appointments were made as representatives at Ministry and Counsel at the Yearly Meeting of that body in Providence on 6 month, 18th.

Ida Mesner
Dorothy Williamson
Ethel Hathaway
Alice Hartnett
Harry Allen

The importance of attending conferences was stressed not necessarily as busy businesses but to get strength from communion with each other and with God.

Several spoke concerning sacraments. Donald McLeod mentioned we should examine our stand on this carefully so that we may properly meet questions directed at us from other religious faiths.

Ed Hinshaw mentioned that in Divinity School at Boston University, there was a trend toward accentuation of outward rites.

Alice Hartnett said that we should look for Christ within ourselves.

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and Counsel at Westport
4th month, 13th, 1963

A memorial to Edwin Aaron Davis was presented from the Yarmouth Meeting of Friends and was approved and attached to these minutes.

A report on the spiritual condition of the Swansea Monthly Meeting was presented by Ethel Hathaway and is incorporated in these minutes.

The Meeting closed purposing to meet 7th month, 13th, 1963 at West Falmouth, God Willing.

Frank J. Lepreau

Frank J. Lepreau, Jr.
Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, Ministry and Counsel
7th Month, 13th, 1963
at West Falmouth

The meeting was opened with a period of quiet meditation.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Representatives from the various meeting reported as follows:

Westport: Charles Brightman
Edwin Hinshaw
Frank Lepreau

Dartmouth: Florence Tripp
Donald McLeod

Yarmouth: David Douglas
Gordon Brown

Allan's Neck: Harry Allan

New Bedford: Ida Mesner
Bessie Martin

Swansea: Dorothy Williamson
Ellsworth McAfee
Audrey Chase

James Toothakre, new full time pastor of the Allan's Neck Meeting, was recognized.

Ellsworth and Mildred White, pastor of the Smith's Neck Meeting, were recognized.

Corwin Parisho and Dorothy Williamson were appointed to the interim Committee of Ministry and Counsel in the Yearly Meeting.

Harry Allan spoke to the concern as to what we are here for and it was clear--to do the Will of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ. In our work and daily life we must be sincere and be real people.

Dorothy Williamson said that we have a way of life to keep faith with and we can offer a new member something for the rest of his life.

Edwin Hinshaw said we should experience an enthusiasm to express our inner feelings, must take time out to inspire ourselves, be examples to the young.

Samuel Miller said that Quakers have something to give to the Christian Church. Never before had the Christian Church membership been larger but probably the membership did not reflect the depth necessary for true religion.

Florence Carr made a detailed and pertinent report on the events of New England Yearly Meeting.

said that we of the Quarterly Meeting should do something on the Cape for the racial problem.

The Meeting closed purposing to meet at Swansea, 10th month, 12th, 1963, the Lord Willing.

Frank J. Lepreau, Jr.,
Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends, Ministry and Counsel

10th Month, 12th, 1963

at Swansea

The meeting opened with a period of silence.

Report of last meeting on Ministry and Counsel was read and approved.

Representatives report their attendance:

Westport: Charles Brightman
Edwin Hinshaw

Dartmouth: Catherine Palmer
Donald McLeod

New Bedford: Ida Messner

Swansea: Audrey Chase
Dorothy Williamson
Ellsworth McAffee

Allen's Neck: Barbara Erickson

James Toothaker has a concern which deals with "Vocal Ministry", in our Worship service, and also how long should a silent period be? He feels that anyone in Meeting should be more responsive in the worship Service. He would like to hear from the different Meetings gathered here today so we may get an exchange of ideas or methods to help build up our Meetings. A general discussion followed with these comments:

Edwin Hinshaw says "There is so little preparation before meeting that it is hard to take part in a short silent period".

Dorothy Williamson says "We must learn to like our unprogramed meetings and suggests that members of Ministry and Counsel should meet and talk over problems of Meeting.People will come to Prayer Meeting and take Vocal part in the Prayer Meeting, but seem unable to take part in the Worship Service of a Sunday morning Meetings."

Harry Allen spoke on the preparation during the week as essential to what we might say in a Worship Service.

Donald McLeod said, " If several people came prepared to speak in our Worship Service he feels this is too near a programed meeting and we need a silent period in which to reflect."

Someone said, " They thoughtthe Minister sitting at the head of the Meeting could tell how long a silent period should be for the Meeting. Too long a silent period would reduce our Membership."

Florence Carr spoke on, " This Business of our Lives", and it is up to us as Christians to get out and proclaim the Gospel of Christ".

How can we encourage any person to increase his Worship in a Meeting? Can Elders and Ministers assume responsibility of persons and Young Friends by encouraging members and Young Friends to help on special occasions? Can we appoint a member of Ministry and Counsel to have the responsibility of dealing with a certain individual?

If not by Vocal Ministry there may be other ways a person may take a responsibility in the Meeting.

Someone attended a Florida Meeting and not one young person was present because it was a Silent Meeting.

Ida Messner spoke on " not everyone is brought up in an un-programed Friends Meeting and does prefer a programed Meeting".

The Clerk asked this question, " Is the Old Fashioned Quaker Meeting outdated? There was a reply that it need not be.

Lewis Marstellar was present and spoke on New England Ministry and Counsel programs for Meetings in the future and notices of time and places will be forwarded to the several Meetings.

Any items to come before this group from any Meeting, please forward to Lewis Marstellar.

No further business .

We conclude to meet at New Bedford, 1st,Month, 11th, 1964.

Harry Allen, Clerk pro tem /F.
~~Frank J. Desreau, Jr., M.D.~~
Clerk pro tem

First month, 11th, 1964 at New Bedford

The Meeting was opened with a period of silence. Report of the last Meeting on Ministry and Council was read and approved. Representatatives reported their attendance:

Dartmouth
Florence Tripp
Donald McCloud

New Bedford
Hinson Howlett
Alice Latham
Bessie Martin
Bertha Pierce
Earl Wilson

Westport
Edwin Hinshaw
Frank Lepreau
Ruth Howland

Allen's Neck
Karl Erickson
Barbara Erickson

Swansea
Ellsworth McAfee

Frank Lepreau read a piece from Christian Perfection by Tennyson. Frank Lepreau mentioned the general pleasure of [illegible] Friends with the Cambridge Meeting for Worship.

Louis [illegible] said that in our communities there were liable to be lonesome people and many of these were in affluence, but still would benefit by friendly visitations.

Harry Allen said that our motto should be for us"To live in Christ and to walk in the footprints of Jesus!

Ellsworth McAfee said that Friends should be cordial and be hospitable to visiting Friends at their Meetings for Worship.

Edward Hinshaw said that a recent [illegible] at Boston University Divinity School was a renewal of our Witness For Christ even though we might only reach one person.

Ida Messner said we should bear the mark of a Christian by our thoughts and actions.

Earl Wilson said that friendliness is a two way proposition and that if we go out of our way to be pleasant and to welcome people we will find the same response in them.

The Meeting closed with a period of quiet purposing to meet [illegible] month, 11th, 1964 in Allen's Neck.

Frank J. Lepreau
CLERK

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
4th month, 11th, 1964
at Allen's Neck

The meeting was opened with a period of quiet meditation.

Report of the last meeting of Ministry and Counsel was read and approved.

Representatives reported in attendance:

Smith's Neck:	Cora Tripp
	Ellsworth White
New Bedford:	Ida Messner
	Bessie Martin
	Betty Tompkiewicz
	Cynthia J. Powers
Westport:	Charles Brightman
	Frank Lepreau
	May Petty
Allen's Neck:	Gladys Gifford
	Barbara Ericksen
Swansea:	Ellsworth McAfee

Harry Allen said that Friends' witness should be today as it always has been. Friends should follow Jesus thus making us better persons by being a witness to others.

Ellsworth McAfee asked what other meetings were doing for the Young Friends' Worker.

Meetings reported as follows:

Smith's Neck: A portion of the Annual Meeting budget was sent.
New Bedford: A contribution was sent from the Meeting.
Allen's Neck: A special collection was sent.
Swansea: A check was sent from the Meeting.
Westport: Had made no contribution. Will be sent by individual members.

Louis Marstaller gave a summary of the finances for the Young Friends' Worker. There will be a two year budget ranging between $17,000 and $18,000.

N. E. Yearly Meeting 1964	$2000.00
N. E. Yearly Meeting 1965	2000.00
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting	5000.00
Other	3519.00
	$15,719.00

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
4th month, 11th, 1964 at Allen's Neck

The following speakers on missionary subjects are available and have been used thus far as noted.

George Minot: Has spoken at Westport and Allen's Neck. He is currently at Barrington College. He is a Jamaican Friend.

Donnell Boardman, M.D., Acton, Massachusetts: Spent four months at Friends Africa Mission Hospital at Kaimosi

Willard Ware: Has had two recent visits including a three months visit for independance celebration to Kenya.

Thomas Bodine, Hartford, Connecticut: Spent at least a month in 1961 at the Friends World Committee in Kaimosi.

Herbert Kimball, Durham Maine: Spent a four year term recently in Kenya.

James Brown, Little Compton, Rhode Island: Has been with the Service Committee in India. Now works for the Providence Journal.

Friends are urged to use these people to speak at their meetings.

James Toothaker mentioned the proximity of Southeastern Massachusetts Technical Institute and that Friends should make plans for a Friends Center or House or room on or near the campus where students who wished could be exposed to Friends testimony. It was approved that this seemed desirable and will be passed on to the Quarterly Meeting later today to consider.

The following members were appointed to Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel which will meet Tuesday, June 16 at 2:00 p.m..

Ida Messner
Ethel Hathaway
Audrey Chace
Dorothy Williamson

After a period of meditation, the meeting closed purposing to meet 7th month, 11th, 1964 at Smith's Neck.

Frank J. Lepreau

Frank J. Lepreau, Jr., M.D.
Clerk

List of Elders in the Monthly Meetings of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. 1964

Allens Neck: 1 Year: Harry W. Allen 21 Slade Cor. Rd. Dartmouth
Annette Smith Pine Hill Road. Westport

2 years: Bertana Erickson Pine Hill Rd. Westport
Gladys Gifford Horseneck Rd. Dartmouth

3 years: Karl Erickson Pine Hill Rd. Westport
Mary D. Gifford Horseneck Rd. Westport
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Dartmouth: Flora Tripp 48 Little River Rd. South Dartmouth
Bertha Tavares 834 Russells Mills Rd.
Catherine Palmer Nonquit
Lillian Avila 860 Smith Neck Rd.
Chester Russell 735 Smith Neck Rd.
Donald Carr 782 " "
Donald McLeod Bay View
Cora Tripp 213 Little River Rd.
Esther Hawes 902 Smith Neck Rd.

Sandwich: David Douglas
Dorothy Davis
Cecilia B. Fuglister
Gordon M. Browne Jr.
Genevieve Carothers

We do not call Elders as such. Names here are members of Ministry and Council.

Swansea: Laura B. Aydelott 359 Prospect St. Fall River
Ethel J. Frye 374 Madison St. Fall River
Susannah H. Lawton 1321 Riverside Ave. Somerset
Sidney L. Hathaway & Ethel G. Hathaway 250 Luther Ave. Somerset
Dorothy F. Williamson 903 Prospect St. Somerset

New Bedford: Bertha Pierce
Betty Tomkinson
Earl D. Wilson
Ida M. Mesner
Ruth Taber
Cynthia Power to complete Joseph Hillers Term
Expires in 1964.

Westport: J. K. Kirkaldy
Charles Brightman
William Smith
C. Arnold Gifford
Ruth Howland
Frances Howland

List of Elders in the Monthly Meetings of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. 1964.

Allens Neck: 1 year: Harry W. Allen
Annette Smith
2 years: Barbara Erickson
Gladys Gifford
3 years: Karl Erickson

Dartmouth: Flora Tripp
Bertha Tavares
Catherine Palmer
Lillian Avila
Chester Russell
Donald Cook
Donald McLeod
Cora Tripp
Esther Hawes

New Bedford.
Bertha Pierce
Betty Tomkinson
Earl D. Wilson
Ida M. Masters
Ruth Yates
Cynthia Power

Sandwich, David Douglas
Dorothy Davis
Cecilia Englister
Gordon M. Browne Jr.
Genevieve Carothers

Swansea: Laura B. Aydelott
Ethel L. Frye
Susannah H. Lawton
Sidney L. Hathaway
Ethel G. Hathaway
Dorothy F. Williamson

Westport: J. K. Kirkaldy
Charles Brightman
William Smith
C. Arnold Gifford
Ruth Howland
Francis Howland

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
7th. month 11th. 1964
at Smiths Neck.

The Meeting opened with a period of Meditation. Harry Allen was appointed Clerk for the Day.

The Minutes of the last Meeting on Ministry and Counsel were read and approved with one Correction. The name of Dorothy Williamson should be included in the list of Representatives appointed to Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Council.

List of Representatives appointed by the various Monthly Meetings to attend this session are:

Smiths Neck: Florence Carr
Nellie Gifford

New Bedford: Earl D. Wilson

Westport: Charles Brightman
Edward Hirshan

Swansea: Ellsworth Mc Affee
Dorothy Williamson

Allens Neck: Karl Erickson

Sandwich: David Douglas
Harold Hutchinson

A request from Clarabel Marstaller that two members from this Meeting be appointed as Representatives to serve on the Interim Committee on Ministry and Council of Yearly Meeting; we appoint
Dorothy Williamson
Harry W. Allen

A suggestion was made that each Monthly Meeting should send a list of Elders of their Meeting to the Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. One copy to be sent to the Yearly Meeting Clerk on Ministry and Counsel and a copy kept by the Clerk of Ministry and Counsel of this Meeting so will know who to nominate to serve on Committees.

The Clerk of this Meeting is to send a request for a list of Elders from each Monthly Meeting.

Dorothy Williamson gave a report on Yearly Meeting telling of some of the high lights from speech by George Selleck; The sense of urgency of this business of our lives; are we a group who care for one another: What do we give for Worship; Do we circulate the Light in our Meetings? Quarterly, and Yearly? Do we have something to say about the Inner Light within: We must experience this

light for ourselves; Terrick is a purpose and a unity we should share; Is Friends Meeting a place where God becomes real to those who come to worship there?

Dorcas Douglas spoke on the Workshop of Ministry and Counsel at Yearly Meeting as being very beneficial to anyone if only attending for a single session. It is a Time and Place for asking Questions and we seem to set up a barrier between ourselves and others which shuts us off from a wider fellowship.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel appoints Harry W. Allen as Clerk to this Meeting Dorothy Williamson appointed to serve as assistant.

After a period of Meditation the Meeting closed purposing to meet on 10th Month 10th 1954 at Sandwich.

Harry W. Allen Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
1st Month 9th 1965
New Bedford.

Meeting opened with a period of silence.
Report of the last Meeting was read and approved.
Representatives present from the various Monthly Meetings are

New Bedford	John W. Warner
	Ruth Wartocai
	Earl L. Wilson
Dartmouth	Christa Russell
	Donald Carr
	Catherine Palmer
Allens Neck	Harry Allen
	Gladys Gifford
Westport	Dorothy Smith
	Charles Brightman
	Ruth Howland
Sandwich	David Douglas

Gordon Browne Jr gave notice of a Meeting on Moral Responsibility to be held at Sandwich School Feb 13.

The death of Rev. W. Chris Fraser was brought to our attention. He was in Pastor Ministry for 50 years. Taught School in Iowa held many important positions in Church, College and in Community projects. He was Pastor of Chatham F.F. Meeting for 16 years. He passed away Dec. 19, 1964.

April 23-25. Woolman Hill Conference for Ministry and Counsel. Topic: Spiritual Basis of Friends Concerns: What are people groping for and how can we help?

During this session a number of people voiced their thoughts and concerns on various topics as: The Great Society of our times needs the truths of Christ and people who are committed to uphold these Truths at all times.

Jonie Marstaller spoke on Duties of Ministry and Counsel from the revised Faith and Practice. The topics are members of Ministry and Counsel will go back to their Meetings and see about carrying out these duties, Make more use of Faith and Practice and see if can make the Friends message more effective. Members do have a responsibility beside the Pastor for the well being of each Meeting and its members.

How can we get people to come to Meeting? Can we arouse interest enough to make people feel the need of Worship? Can we use visitation as a Means?

For Monthly Meeting, Ministry and Counsel

should get together with members of the Meeting for an exchange of views.

I was glad when they said, "Let us go into the House of the Lord".

"What is use of going to Quarterly Meeting when can't hear what is said". What can we as individuals give to our Meetings?

Mr Hartnett and Wife made a trip to the Open Door Church in California, got there early and message was very uplifting and people who attend one of these services remark, "didn't they exalt the Lord Jesus".

Many people go to church to be entertained.

We should bring God into Meeting with us and we will be blessed.

The Spirit of the Meeting Members and not numbers counts.

Are we willing to invite people to come to our Worship Service?

Attendance at a Worship Service will be rewarding if we get in Christs Spirit.

Is Christ a reality to us? or an illusion. If a Reality there will be life in Worship.

We should search our hearts to see if Christ is real or an illusion.

No further business we conclude to meet at Westport 4th. mo. 12th. 1965

Harry W. Allen clerk

Combined Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
4th mo, 10th 1965
Westport

Meeting opened with a period of Silence, Vocal prayer followed. The Beatitudes.

Minutes of the previous Meeting was read at this time and approved.

Representatives present at this Meeting from the various Monthly Meetings are:

New Bedford	Ruth Whitacre
	Earl D. Nickerson
	Ida W. Macomber
Dartmouth	Catherine Palmer
	Donald Wetherell
	Cora Swift
Adams Neck	Lucretia Smith
	Phebe Gifford
Westport	Gladys Brightman
	Ruth Haviland
Sandwich	Elsworth McClellan
	Dorothy McClellan
Sandwich	Lowell Douglas

This Meeting appoints these members the

Warner, Ruth Wistrom, Dorothy Williamson and Earl Erickson as representatives to attend the Ministry and Counsel session at Yearly Meeting, June 22, 1965.

The Interim Committee on Ministry and Counsel consisting of Henry Allen and Dorothy Williamson has asked to serve again this year.

West Falmouth Meeting reported this month is a year round meeting with ten to twenty people in attendance, two new families, new to Friends Worship, attending and members are greatly encouraged.

Janet Marstaller reminded Friends of the work of the Quarterly Committee on the SMTI project and he asks the Ministry and Council Body to consider what our Ministry should be. Do we have a Ministry to the Youth in school?

Donald McLeod spoke of the tremendous accomplishment of the New Bedford Council of Churches. Edward Hoisington feels that this concern should be brought to the Ministry and Counsel for consideration. Our whole Ministry, Spiritual Growth and Unity are in the terms of the Ministry and Counsel body.

If this committee does not have a spiritual foundation it will fail. The meeting will be a "rubber stamp". It is up to us to examine ourselves and report at the session

session after lunch.

Louis Mendenhall told friends of the visitation of Eugene Coffin to this area beginning with a Meeting at Smithfield the first Sunday in April. Notices of these Meetings will be in local papers and on Radio.

D. Arthur Gelsinger, our Pastor at Ellwood's 1st Meeting was introduced to this Meeting.

In further business we conclude preparing to meet at West Falmouth 7th mo. 16th 1965.

Harry W. Allen Clerk

Dartmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
7th mo. 10th. 1965
West Falmouth

Clerk read a Poem "Two Worlds"
a period of Silent Meditation
Report of last meeting was read and approved.
Representatives present from various
Monthly Meetings are as follows:

New Bedford	Earl L. Wilson
Allens Neck	Karl Erickson
Swansea	Susan H. Lawton
	Ellsworth McCliffee
Westport	Charles Brightman
Dartmouth	Ellsworth White
	Donald McLeod

Ruth Martocci and David Douglas attended the Ministry and Counsel session at Yearly Meeting.

Tom Bodine spoke on Friends Concerns. Some comments, How do we know if it is really a Concern? How do we know if it is God's Will: How do we approach a concern or how do we approach a problem that should be

a concern to us? The deeper our Spiritual lives the more concerned we will be with concerns of God's Kingdom.

Ernest Reed spoke on the Workshops of Yearly Meeting: He found them stimulating and thought productive, helped Spiritual Growth in service and developed inner resources. Very Spiritual discussions and wished could have more of them. A very worth while experience.

Robert Burgess spoke of the effect we have upon each other. Our personality reacts upon others: sometimes we stir people up and other times in opposite way be a calming influence.

A very pleasant Elevator Operator cast a pleasant attitude to all whom she met on the Elevator. Lets watch the attitude we carry about with us as it often speaks very convincingly.

Have we diluted the Christian message so people do not know what we are talking about?

Mrs. Hartnett spoke some thoughts such as "God has a handful of seed for anyone who wants to grow flowers. The Quaker message helped some people find God: God revealed Himself and a life was changed: God speaks and it is essential that we respond: By obedient to God's Spirit it radiates from you to others: Open our hearts that God may fill us with his love.

Mr. Hartnett spoke on our responsibilities to watch over our very acts that we be careful about our influence on other people most

as the Power not who may be following us.

Everard Fairchild spoke on Junior Yearly Meeting session: 65 teenagers attended the Junior Yearly Meeting session. More attended than last year. Some spoke with more spiritual depth than last year.

More Young Friends of Junior age should attend sessions on Ministry and Counsel that they may be better informed on Quaker procedure.

Discipline is a problem at times but if some one takes an interest in young people and really tries to help them solve some of their problems it makes the way for all more pleasant and rewarding.

No further business we conclude purposing to meet at Juniata 10th mo. 4th. 1963

Harry W. Wilson Clerk

Londonderry Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
10th month 8th, 1965
-Swansea

Meeting a Room titled "Incompleteness"
Devotional & Silent Meditation
Report of last Meeting received and approved,
Representative reports from Ministry and Counsel
from Various Monthly Meetings are as follows:

New Bedford	Enid D. Nelson
	Sara M. Spencer
Allen Neck	Karl Erickson
	Barbara Erickson
Swansea	Susan H. Lawton
	Ellsworth McGee
	Dorothy Wilkinson
Westport	Charles Engelmore
Dartmouth	Ellsworth Potter

Ernest Neal spoke on a concern of new Christian Witness and Work of Ministry in our Communities Church and Quarterly Meeting sessions.

In the early part of November the seventh through the eleventh Jesse Coffin of the Board on Evangelism and Church Extension of the United Methodist Church will be in this Quarterly Meeting District and it is hoped he can visit several Meetings and then later be invited to bring a message of help to the Spiritual Welfare of these Meetings.

Karl Erickson suggests a committee be

Appointed from this Quarterly Meeting committee to work with Harold Myers to put a program in operation to work with Leon Clifford when he visits with us in November. The committee consists of Karl Cricken from Allens Neck, Gregg Hilke from Falmouth, Earl Wilson from West Bedford and Allsworth White from Dartmouth Meeting. This committee will meet during church hour with Harold Myers to work out a program.

Arthur Osborne spoke on Better Ministering to the Church and Community: Revitalizing our Meetings by small group discussions and to check on what we think of our Faith. A study group has been formed at Allens Neck using a book written by Elton Trueblood, A Church as a body of committed people to do a committed task.

Love never comes into our home until we open the door.

A motion was made that Friends meeting take measures to take the next step.

No further business we conclude to meet at West Bedford 1st. mo. 5th. 1960

Harry Allen Clerk

Kendrick Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
First month 7th 1916
New Bedford.

Meeting opened with Clerk reading Psalm and a period of silence followed.

Representatives from the different Monthly Meetings present are:

New Bedford - none
Salem Neck - Barbara Erickson - Del Erickson
Lawrence - Ellsworth Mc Cuffee
Westport - Ruth Howland - Lucinda Howland
Dartmouth - Ira Tripp - Dorris McLeod - Elizabeth Hitch
Sandwich - Josiah Brown - David Douglas.

Westports near Minister Paul Lacey was present.

David Douglas announced conference at Woolman Hill March 11-13, Topic Concerning Ministry & Eldership.

Friends Invited Meeting July 12-15 at Barnard College Conference, Common consideration of Ministry, Request those in first two sessions from Meetings and Quarterly attend, Let David Douglas know if can attend.

Some suggestions from this Meeting: We need to have more attention from our Monthly Meetings to this Quarterly Meeting in matters of Ministry and Counsel. We should bring any problems of our local Meetings to this Body to pray to and that we may be a help to each other. To encourage new Ministers

to our own Meeting and also to the Community.

Broadening this base of Witness would bring new Blood & the old Witness on the role of our Ministry and Counsel in our Meetings. Since one said "I was appointed & Ministry and don't know what to do."

All members of our Meetings should be a witness and not leave it to Ministry and Pastoral committees.

Ernest Wall spoke on the Living Witness that still left my mind interested in what goes on in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. All portions of our Meetings should be brought before this Body. Reports of our Meetings should set about the condition of our meetings and the quality of our Worship. This body is the channel in which God works in a community.

How does a mission start? Meeting the needs of the people is a challenge to the receiver to respond.

May 14th a conference to be held at Beacon Hill Friends House, Relation of Witness and Counsel and Concepts of Christian Ministry by Lloyd Moore Pastor of 2 yearly Meetings for some time.

In Memoriam to Florence Carr who passed away Dec 27 1965 was read.

A question was asked: What have we do to

get more people to come out to our Monthly Meetings? A suggestion that a book titled 'Caring of the Committee' by Elton Trueblood should be read and will be found very helpful to our Meetings.

There should be a closer relationship between various bodies and committees and this Quarterly Meeting session.

Arthur Peterman suggests that we as members of Ministry and Counsel go back to our Meeting sessions and try to revitalize our meetings and each meeting have a representative at our next Quarterly meeting session of Ministry and Counsel.

A suggestion that this Meeting of Ministry and Counsel meet at Smiths Ferry first month 15th. -1966.

No further business we conclude for now to meet at Smith Ferry first month 15th 1966

Harry Allen Clerk of
Ministry and Counsel.

1st Quarterly Meeting Session of Ministry and Counsel will meet at Short Creek 4th mo. 9th - 1966

Harry Allen Clerk.

Southwest Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
4th mo. 9th. 1966
Selma, York

The minutes of quarterly Meeting stand with a
person of reference.

Report of last Ministry and Counsel meeting
was read and approved.

Representatives appointed by various Meetings
of the Quarter report their attendance as follows:

New Bedford - Ida Peacock
Easttown - Lora Tripp - Donald Peacock
Selma, York - Barbara Erickson - Mary Allen
Westtown - Louise McCracken
Concord - Dorothy Williamson - Elworth
McAfee
Westport - Sharon Bergstresser.

Report of the Special Meeting on Ministry and
Counsel of Southwest Quarterly Meeting which
met at Smith Mem. 1st. mo. 15th. 1966 was
read and some discussion was held on
this report, some Meetings were not
ready to report any definite steps to be
taken in pending Quarterly Meeting session.
Westport Meeting brought these suggestions
for Quarterly Meeting schedule: We suggest
that Quarterly Meeting sessions be held
twice a year in April and October, visitors
of Quarterly Mtg. be requested that the Meeting

Specially called Meeting.

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING
MINISTRY AND COUNSEL
Harry Allen, Clerk
1st Mo. 15th - 1966 Smith Neck.

FAITH AND THOUGHT
Basic Principles

"Friends, with other branches of the Christian Church, believe in God, the Father, the Creator, infinite in love, wisdom, and power, a nd supremely manifest in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection have given to ma n a unique revelation of the nature and reality of God. They believe with Paul that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself," and with John that "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." They accept the assurance of John's gospel that God "gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Friends also hold as the essentials of the Christian life and experience: the divinity of Jesus Christ, the atonement through Him by which men are brought to God, and the gift of the Holy Spirit as the ever-present Comforter." Faith and Practice, The Five Years Meeting of Friends in America, 1945.

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING, MINISTRY AND COUNSEL, SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT SMITH NECK, 1st MONTH, 15th, 1966.

Nine members present, four Meetings represented: Allen's Neck, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Westport. The minutes of this Meeting:

"Problems of our Local Meetings and attendance to our Monthly Meetings and Quarterly Meeting were discussed at this session. Attenders to Quarter ly Meeting are a Representative body. The time of Quarterly Meeting session should be used for spiritual uplift.

A suggestion that various topics could be presented such as Christian education, social concerns, peace, poverty. The problem of crime with speakers from various sources could be interesting and might inspire people to attend these sessions. Some say the sessions are too long and the day gets tiresome and can not get anything out of the program we have now.

Friends have a great message to preserve the free way of life for man. If some one furnishes man with all the things he can possible use, he also can tell man what he can do so man loses his freedom.

We need to revitalize our Meetings and then the Meetings can revitalize Quarterly Meeting. Are our methods adequate for meeting the needs of the people in our communities? Our institutions have outlived our Faith. These institutions will be vital if they meet the needs of the people.

SHOULD WE DO AWAY WITH QUARTERLY? If Monthly Meetings are revitalized we will need the Quarterly Meeting session. HOW CAN WE USE THE TIME OF QUARTERLY MEETING TO BETTER ADVANTAGE? WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR QUARTERLY MEETING? WOULD YOU WANT QUARTERLY MEETING TWICE A YEAR?, AND HA VE A HALF DAY SESSION?

Ellsworth White suggests a questionaire be sent to each Monthly Meeting and each Monthly Meeting fill out the questionaire and report at next Quarterly Meeting.

Requested that Ellsworth White and Harry Allen meet and make out a questionaire and send to each Monthly Meeting."

End of minutes — Harry W. Allen, Clerk
Ministry and Counsel

Harry Allen and Ellsworth White met as requested by the special meeting of Ministry a nd Counsel. We opened our discussion with a consideration of the statement from Faith and Practice of the Five Years Meeting, 1945, which is printed above for your own consideration. After carefully considering the minutes of this meeting, we felt that a questionaire was not necessary, that the minutes spoke for themselves and raised the most relevant and initia l questions.

We feel that these concerns are the concerns of all the Meetings and ask that you give them your prayerful consideration. Please come prepared to discuss these concerns at the next Quarterly Meeting Session to be held at Allen's Neck in April, 1966. It is our most sincere desire that we might strengthen the scope and outreach of our Quarterly Meeting and its Christian Witness in our own day.

Copies sent to all
Monthly Meetings

Sincerely,

Harry Allen
Ellsworth White

JOT DOWN YOUR OWN PERSONAL THOUGHTS:

on Worship and Spiritual Life at 10:30 A.M. as very few of representatives were present.

That the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, Business Meeting and Meeting for Worship be held during the morning session, allowing one half hour for each Meeting. To be followed by the Luncheon hour at noon, with the afternoon meeting devoted to a special program, such as a speaker, or illustrated talk or some similar activity.

Report from Business Meeting a number of people work and if such become necessary a few on a Saturday night with Worship and Ministry and Spiritual Life sessions and suffer with a calendar following.

Little expectation was some discussion could be held on the Year Books and Practice reports in the change of some articles in that report.

Either Quarters would like more discussion on these suggestions but doubts if we had two Quarterly Meeting sessions we should still have the same problems as we have now because the same persons would apply to these two sessions.

Mary Hobbs of West Falmouth would be had just read that report of the Special Meeting and would not at this time give any report but he did ask that Question "Is there a problem of Quarterly Meeting or Worship Meeting." We should consider these suggestions very carefully.

Donald Mc Lord brought up a NOB. Gave a very Encouraging talk.

We have had this problem for a long time. Ellsworth White from Smithfield Peak often worked with young people and asked what we mean when we speak of young Friends or young people? Our structure of Quarterly Meeting is to have people work and take responsibility in the programs of Quarterly Meeting sessions.

Our Field secretary, Lonna Wyrtzen says these former suggestions are not what we want as he has seen so many times changes that have failed to bring the desired results. More vital is the ministry in our Meetings. We have too many reservations which seem to affect our witness.

He also spoke of the Kirby Fund held by the Yearly Meeting and he encouraged some of this Fund for some Evangelical work in Quarterly Meeting sessions. He will work with the Arrangements Committee for suggestions.

Lindsey Adams was present at this session and he remarked that this problem we seem to be faced with is not solely a Friends problem as all Churches are faced with this same problem.

We should be able to carry back to our Informal Meetings something we can use from our Quarterly Meeting session.

Young people have money 12 2 quarterly and three added to be sent semi-annually to them.

Visit and encouragement to Yearly Meeting Missionary Committee from Visit Committee of Monthly and Quarterly Meetings — Helen Noble and Mary Wilson

Representation for Indian Committee and Louisa Mc Mason — Hunt Purchase

Next Quarterly Conference to be held to meet in 7th mo. 9th at Smiths Neck.

Harry Allen Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
7th mo. 9th. 1865
Smith Neck

The Meeting opened with a period of Silence.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and approved.

Representatives appointed to attend the Sessions of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel from the various Monthly Meetings report their attendance as follows:

New Bedford — Ida Howes — Ruth H. Hunter
Sandwich — Phebe McManus — Dorothy Davis
Adams Neck — Gladys Gifford — Barbara Dickinson
Dartmouth — Donald McLeod
Westport — Charles Briggsman
Lawrence — None

Received reports on Special Ministry and Counsel Meeting held at Smiths Neck 7th mo. 15th. 1865, from Yarmouth Meeting and Adams Neck Meeting.

Falmouth Meeting could report to next Quarterly Meeting session.

Many suggestions concerning Quarterly Meeting sessions were presented but at this time were deferred for action.

Ellsworth Hall suggested the arrangements committee be allowed to appoint an interim for our quarterly Meeting sessions.

Any permanent change in these sessions must come slowly.

"Would Saturday afternoon and early evening with a supper and speaker be better for people to attend?"

We should go back to our Faith and Practice, govern and have the arrangements committee try out some of their suggestions.

"Our next sessions will be held at Amherst and then at Moorestown and it is suggested that the arrangements committee prepare a program for January Meeting and the October Meeting and any changes to be made in the Quarterly Meeting Sessions be included in a report from the Committee, if it was approved by this Meeting.

Rose Cochran said "We should assume a Meeting Place for S. M. F. I students and that Friends abroad meet with them and that determination that some progress will be made."

A suggestion in Plan for further discussion of Faith and Practice into next issue of the Affections of Faith and Practice.

Representatives were reminded to meet at Moorestown 10th mo. 8th 1966

Henry Allen Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
10th mo. 8th 1966
Sandwich.

This session of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting opened with a period of silence.

Report of the previous session was read and approved.

Representatives appointed to attend Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel from the various Monthly Meetings report their attendance as follows:

New Bedford – Ruth H. Martocci – Ida Messner
Allens Neck – Karl Erickson
Westport – Charles Brightman – Ruth Howland
Sandwich – Helen Hibbe
Dartmouth – Donald McLeod.

Reports from various Monthly Meetings were read and a number of suggestions here given about our Quarterly Meeting sessions; We should have four sessions: Have two sessions: Meet in July at 3 o'clock P.M. and in January meet at 1 o'clock P.M.; Meet Saturday afternoon and evening with supper and speaker: Have Ministry and Counsel on a different day than Quarterly Meeting day, preferably a Sunday afternoon when we would have more time: We need more time for

our session on Ministry and Counsel. New Bedford Meeting members so scattered and so many elderly people they would not attend an evening session.

The arrangements committee presented a report to this session stating two proposals for our Quarterly Meeting sessions -- 1 - Separation of Ministry and Counsel to another time such as a Sunday afternoon and also have our Quarterly meeting sessions on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. for Worship, 4 P.M. Business; 5:30 P.M. Supper and a speaker afterwards.

It was suggested that we get the sense of this Meeting regarding this Report.

This Meeting seems to agree on holding Ministry and Counsel session on a day different than our Quarterly Meeting session day, and also the Meeting suggests that some members of Ministry and Counsel from various Meetings be appointed to meet with the arrangements committee to work out the programs for our new Quarterly Meeting sessions.

Members of Ministry and Counsel appointed are David Douglas, Harry Allen, Louise McManus, Dorothy Williamson, Ida Wessner.

We have approved separation of Ministry and Counsel session from our Quarterly Meeting sessions and have appointed a committee to work with the arrangements committee for a study of new plans for Quarterly Meeting

sessions.

no further business we conclude purposing to meet in New Bedford 1st mo. 14th, 1967.

Harry W. Allen, Clerk

At the Special Meeting of members of Ministry and Counsel from several Monthly Meetings with the Arrangements Committee of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Smiths Neck 1st. mo. 8th. - 1967.

The subject of time and place of Meetings of Ministry and Counsel was discussed and it was decided that the next session of Ministry and Counsel would be held at New Bedford at the accustomed time but after that date the sessions of Ministry and Counsel would be held the Sunday afternoon at 1 P.M. before our Quarterly Meeting session. A trial period of three sessions are: In April will meet at Swansea at 1 P.M. 4th mo. 2nd. - 1967 July, will meet at Mattapoisett 7th. mo. 2nd. - 1967. In October will meet at New Bedford 9th. mo. 8th. - 1967.

Harry W. Allen Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
1st. mo. 14th 1967
New Bedford.

This session of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting opened by the Clerk reading a Poem, followed by a period of silence.

The Minutes of the last Meeting was read and approved.

Representatives from the various Monthly Meetings report their attendance as follows.

New Bedford — Ruth Nurtrad - Ida Messner
Bertha Pierce.

Sandwich - Louise McManus

Westport, Eleanor Tripp - Dr Kirkaldy
Ruth Howland.

Allens Neck - Arthur Gelanais.

The subject of the Coffee House for S.M.J.I was brought before this Meeting and discussed, Some comments on this subject were; How familiar are we with this Coffee House project? Do we know what we going on and where we stand on this project to-day? Some friends have contributed a Quaker attitude but the committee in charge feels there is a need for more help to do some of the physical work.

Dr. Kirkaldy spoke of the Meetings and

ways not many Friends have showed up in the past. There is a need to expand activities and Friends should increase support in both Financial and Moral ways.

Other religious groups besides Friends would be interested in taking over this project. Donald McLeod spoke on the problems of Money and Time on this project and it should not be a burden to people. We should invite people to come to these Meetings and see what is going on and get interested in helping.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting can do something more than meet four times a year.

Lonie Marstaller has visited this Coffee House and aggrees to this suggestion at this time for people of this Quarterly Meeting to visit a session at the Coffee House and share their views about this project as there seems to be a wide spread interest in a Coffee House, all over this section.

A suggestion was made by Edward Strachan that Ellsworth White, Karl Erickson and Reed Garver be a committee appointed by this Meeting to set up a schedule for Friends volunteers to help in this project by attending the

Coffee House sessions. They should provide a regular Quaker presence and would help represent the various Meetings of the region in dialogue at the Coffee House. About four older Quaker adults should be present each Friday evening. This committee has permission from this Meeting to call upon other Meetings for volunteers to help in this project, and to report at the next session of Ministry and Counsel.

The change in time of holding our Ministry and Counsel sessions of Quarterly Meeting is approved and they will be held on the Sunday afternoon, preceding our Quarterly at 1 o'clock Meeting session.

No further business we conclude proposing to meet in Lynnwood 4th mo. 2nd, - 1967

Harry Allen Clark.

Connecticut Yearly Meeting of Friends
Monthly and Council
4th mo. 2nd. - 1961
Swansea

Meeting opened with record of silence. Reports of last session and also of the Special Meeting with the Arrangements Committee were read and approved.

Representatives appointed by the various Monthly Meetings to attend this Monthly and Council session are as follows:

Colchester - Karl Erickson - Harry Allen
Goodrich - Helen Hitte - Alice Morris
Norwich - Suzanne Fenton, Ethel Hathaway
Dorothy Williamson
Westport - Elinor Griffin

A Fact and Correspondent report of the Committee for F. W. F. Coffee House will be ready for the next Monthly Meeting.

Karl Erickson gave a short report on the Coffee House project. The sessions of the Coffee Houses are well represented by Friends with attention. The attendance varies with the type of Program and the meeting no committee to commute so consequently we expect a sizable attendance.

One Film entitled, "Red Balloon", filmed in France was thought might be a

actionable for one of these Programs turned out to be a picture that could be enjoyed by all ages present.

If Friends are present at these sessions they may be able to help screen some of the profanity the attending students.

The official name of the Coffee House is "The SMTI Coffee House."

A question was asked, What reaction has there been concerning the change in holding Quarterly Meeting sessions?

Not much comment at present, probably after the first Meeting at the new time some comments will be given.

Meeting for Worship at 3 o'clock; then business Meeting, and then Supper and a Program for the evening.

A suggestion is come for a part of the session of next May for the whole program.

This Meeting on Ministry and Counsel recommends to Quarterly Meeting that Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting sessions be duplicated and sufficient quantities of these reports be sent to each Monthly Meeting for local distribution. The Agenda for the next Quarterly Meeting be sent likewise.

A suggestion was made that Representatives appointed to Monthly Meetings on Ministry and Counsel should attend not

it impossible to attend to send a substitute
Next Quarterly Meeting session will be held
at West Falmouth 7th mo. 2nd. 1907
A suggestion was made that the Clerk
of each Monthly Meeting report to the
Next Meeting of Quarterly Meeting how many
people plan on attending the Supper.
No further business we concluded
purposing to met at Wathapoicett
7th mo. 2nd. 1907
Harry Allen Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
7th mo. 2nd 1967
Mattapoisett

Our Meeting opened with a Poem read by the Clerk. A short period of Silence followed.

Report of last session of Ministry and Counsel held a Swansea was read and approved.

Representatives from several Monthly Meetings are Westport - Ruth Howland and Charlotte Parmenter
New Bedford - Ruth Mastroci and Ida Messner
Allens Neck - Karl Erickson and Harry Allen

Representatives appointed by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to attend Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel sessions are Karl Erickson, Ida Messner, Louise Wyc Manus.

Also these same representatives are to serve on the Interim Committee on Ministry and Counsel of Yearly Meeting.

A communication from Sandwich Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel stating that the Words and Works of their friend Gordon W. Brown Jr should

he acknowledged by a Minute recommending him as a recorded Minister.

David W. Douglas Clerk.

A Committee of three was appointed at this session consisting of Karl Erickson Paul Gauer and Harry Allen to report at the next session on Ministry and Counsel upon this matter.

This Committee met and we whole heartedly agree with this request and would like very much to have Gordon M. Brown Jr. as a recorded Minister.

Harry Allen
Karl Erickson
Paul Gauer

This session agrees with the report of this Committee and a copy of this report has been sent to Margaret A. Douglas Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. 10th Mo. 8th 1966

Harry Allen Clerk.

Next Quarterly Meeting session will be held at Swansea. Notice of this session will be included in Report of the Arrangements Committee of Quarterly Meeting.

The S.M.T.I Coffee house will be closed during the Summer and open in Sept. Meetings of the Program Committee will continue to make up Program for the coming Year.

Quarterly Meeting paid $1000 for the

Coffee House Correspondent. Paul Jones has been appointed to serve in this capacity.

Karl Erickson spoke on the concerns of the Permanent Board of Yearly Meeting. A suggestion to appropriate ($750) for Relief Work for both North and South Vietnam was made but some opposed this and others were for it.

This Yearly Meeting sessions should be well attended that we may be counted and show where we stand on Friends Peace Testimony. Some Comments from this Meeting are. Members of Westport Monthly Meeting are in favor of the Peace Testimony and refuses to pay Telephone Tax as it goes to the War effort. No check made out to Canadian Friends can be cashed by Banks because of Government restrictions; Can we defy the United States Government? We should be very careful how we give to these various programs. The United States Government was founded on Quaker Principles. We should speak out when we feel opposed to some programs carried out by our Government. The people are the government. We should Pray for our enemies. We should listen to the voice of God; What is wrong with our Present Peace Testimony? Seems out of Place with our Past Testimony of Wm Penn and George Fox.

Levi Coffin saved 1000 Slaves by

underground Railway and he worked against a Government decree.

We thank the People of Mattapoisett for their Hospitality for this Meeting.

Next Meeting at New Bedford 10th mo. 5th 1967

Harry Allen Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
10th. mo. 5th 1967
New Bedford.

Our Meeting opened with a Silent Period
Report of last Meeting was read and approved.
Representatives from the various Monthly
Meetings on Ministry and Counsel present are:
Westport – Stuart Kirkaldy – Eleanor Tripp
Swansea – Dorothy Williamson
Sandwich – David Douglas
New Bedford – Bertha Pierce – Ida Messner
Allens Neck – Karl Erickson – Harry Allen

The subject of time for holding Quarterly Meeting was brought up and a few suggestions given; Can we have Quarterly Meeting on another day other than Saturday?; Can we meet some Sunday afternoon and have supper and a speaker?;
Margaret Douglas has been appointed on a committee by the Yearly Meeting to get information from various Meetings as to what should be done about our Quarterly Meeting sessions. If you have any suggestions please send them to her.

Can we use our Quarterly Meeting as a Workshop for study or other projects like in Yearly Meeting sessions?

Paul Lauer spoke on S.M.S.I. Coffee House

and listed some of the programs for this month and he asked if anyone has any card tables they are not using. The Coffee House would appreciate a gift of several.

Paul Garner will be leaving the community and the office of correspondent at S.M.T.I. Some students will carry on his duties at S.M.T.I.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be held in New Bedford 1st mo. 13th - 1968.

Ministry and Counsel at 10 o'clock
Meeting for Worship at 11 " "
Lunch 12 o'clock
Business Mtg. 1-15 o'clock

No further business we conclude purposing to meet in New Bedford 1st mo. 13th - 1968

Harry Allen Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
1st. mo. 13th 1968
New Bedford

Clerk read: Joy's overflowing cup is made of a profound Gratitude for the privelege of having lived — Gratitude toward a Supreme Being, call him what you will - and the cup's ceramic is a mixture — the earthy lust for life is stuck together with the ageless hope of a new dimension beyond the gateway called death. In essence, Joy is the byproduct of a constructive faith. In the heart of the possessor is peace and Good-will.

A silent period followed.

The report of the last Meeting was read and approved.

The representatives from the various Monthly Meetings present are:

New Bedford - Ida Warner - Bertha Peirce
Sandwich - Louise McManus
Dartmouth - Donald McLeod - Jon Lasher
Allens Neck - Harry Allen - Karl Erickson

Margaret Douglas asked: Is this Winter session of Quarterly Meeting necessary? Could we have three sessions, Spring, Summer and Fall?

Spring Street has many problems in keeping the Meeting going, such as small membership

and in the Winter, possibility of frozen pipes.

Three Meetings in Yearly Meeting have three sessions per year.

Louis Marstellar spoke on the Quarterly Meeting sessions and said, a number of Meetings are faced with this same problem and thinks this is a challenge to the arrangements committe.

These sessions should be made important and to fill the need of people.

A suggestion by Ruth Estorm that some young people at Beacon Hill Friends House would be available to come to our Quarterly Meeting or a Monthly Meeting session.

This Meeting suggests to the Arrangements Committee that they should have full Power to make a program for Quarterly Meeting including Time and Place of Ministry and Counsel sessions

Donald McLeod suggests that we all should read "Moral Re-armament" in the Readers Digest and try to stir up some interest in our Meetings.

Present with us today are John Grover from Earlham School of Religion and Abram Sargent from American Friends Service Committee. Ruth Estorm Clerk of Yearly Meeting Edwin Hirshaw - Young Friends Secretary

Next session of Quarterly Meeting will be held Ministry & Counsel

Westport 4th mo. 7th — 1968

Harry Allen Clark.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
4th mo. 7th. - 1965
Westport

Read and from Faith and Practice of New England Meeting page 15 - concerning Taylor 1616 - 66

A silent period

Report of last Meeting was read and approved.

Representatives appointed to the several Monthly Meetings to attend this Ministry and Counsel session of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting are:

Sandwich - Marilyn Canford, Lee Hendricks
Westport - Ruth Howland, Ted Easton, Stewart Kirkaldy
Dennis - Susannah H. Easton, Dorothy Williamson
Allens Neck - Karl Erickson, Arthur Peterson
Barbara Erickson, Harry Allen

Stewart Kirkaldy was contacted by Lloyd Smith a member of the Missionary Committee of Yearly Meeting asking if it would be agreeable to our Meeting if he could hold a Conference with the United Friends Women at the Meeting House on May 11th. All minds are agreeable to this project and Westport would furnish Supper - Dennis would be willing to furnish dessert and Allens Neck would furnish Salad.

The Arrangements Committee met time and time to make a program for next Quarterly

Meeting session which will be held at Allens Neck April 21 — from 1-30 to 5-0 clock.
Lunch at 1-30 — short business session and Worship and Worship.

The different Meetings are asked To help stir up all enthusiasm possible.

Some topics suggested — Social Service, Quaker Meeting and Quaker Worship in Community. Edwin Hinshaw and Sidney Adams expect to be present

Pat Denton spoke on the SYM 71 Coffee House stating the Program has increased and students seem more interested. He thanks any and all Friends should visit these sessions and he thanks the Quarterly Meeting for making this Coffee House possible.

In concern for the family of Ralph P. Staples who was Pastor at Mattapoisett, who passed away recently, was voiced and as no one present knew of the circumstances concerning the family, Dorothy Williamson was asked to get information and report to next Quarterly Meeting Session. To report state family is getting along fine.

The Peace Committee of Yearly Meeting suggested our Meetings should make a study of the Friends Peace Testimony in the 20th Century. Allens Neck had a small Group who studied the Book and Westport sent in a Report on its study of this Book

a question was asked, Is there any report on Conference at Woolman Hill by the Extension Committee of Yearly Meeting?

No response.

At this time of the death of Martin Luther King a number of comments on the effect of this tragedy upon our were voiced; Each Martyr enhances the cause of Civil Rights; Friends have a Historical position to make to make people get out and help Correct some of the causes of Riots and disturbances; substandard living a cause of rioting. The death of King will have a tremendous effect on the Civil Rights Movement.

An answer to every question can be found in the Bible if we but search for it.

Harry Allen Clerk.

Laura Belle Aydelott
4th mo. 1st, 1878 – 12th mo. 6th, 1967

Laura Belle Aydelott of Fall River, Massachusetts a member of Swansea Monthly Meeting, died at the age of eighty-nine years, on 12th mo. 6th, 1967 after a short illness. She was the daughter of Henry Clay Aydelott and Phoebe Gifford Aydelott, both ministers of the Fall River Meeting. Until their deaths she lived with her parents in the Gifford homestead, which was a haven for visiting ministers and friends from far and wide. From this atmosphere and the life in a God centered home she was imbued with deep Quaker concerns and adhered to them all her life. She was a regular attender at Quarterly and Yearly meetings until circumstances prevented her from going.

She was modest and humble always; of a quiet nature, but strong in her principles and was very faithful to the tasks which were hers to do.

She taught in the Bible School; took a great interest in young people's work; and became the clerk of Fall River Preparative Meeting after her mother laid the work down. She was very efficient and served Swansea Monthly Meeting as clerk for over forty years.

She had a keen mind and used it well. She was very active in a Quaker Round Table and wrote several instructive papers on "The Peace Testimony of Friends regarding War and Peace"; "The Ministry of George Fox"; "Friends in the American Revolution"; "The Hicksite Separation"; the "Poems of Whittier"; and other papers relating to the life of early Friends; also, a "History of Sandwich Meeting."

She was a lover of music and became a proficient teacher of piano for a number of years.

She never lost interest in things that made her life so full, and to the end kept the same active mind. She is greatly missed but will never be forgotten by those who knew her and associated with her through the years.

Ida M. Mosher

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

Ministry and Counsel
7th mo. 31st. - 1965
Smiths Neck.

This session on Ministry and Counsel was held at Smiths Neck on Sunday afternoon from 2-45 p.m. to 3-30 p.m. just before the Quarterly Meeting Session.

Representatives in attendance from the various Monthly Meetings are -
New Bedford - Ida Pessner - Ruth Martucci
Sandwich - Susannah Lawton - Dorothy Williamson
Dartmouth - Elizabeth King - Cora Tripp, - Russell Cornell
Allens Neck - Arthur Getemian - Harry Allen

Representatives to attend Yearly Meeting Session on Ministry and Counsel from this Quarterly Meeting are: Louise McManus Gordon Brown.

Representatives to serve on Interim Committee of Yearly Meeting are Russell Cornell and Karl Erickson.

The arrangements Committee will make the Program for the next Quarterly Meeting session and also it will specify the time and place for our next Ministry and Counsel session.

There will be no Quarterly Meeting session held at New Bedford in January 1969.

A Memoriam for Lamm Bella Liddlett was received from the Session of New Bedford Meeting and is enclosed on back of the preceding page.

The next session for Ministry and Counsel of Tuscarawas Quarterly Meeting will be held Jan. 19-1969 at Wattsport at 2 P.M.

Harry Allen Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
Oct. Nov. 19 - 1969
Wattapoiett

There were 21 Friends in attendance.
A communication from Westport Meeting was read requesting the naming of Dr J. K. S. Kirkaldy to be named a Recorded Minister in the Society of Friends.

The following committee to look into Dr. Kirkaldy's qualification and report to the next Meeting of Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel are Karl Erickson, David Douglas and Ruth Hovland.

A communication from Sandwich Monthly Meeting was read by Louise M^c Manus requesting the naming of David Douglas to be a Recorded Minister in the Society of Friends.

The following committee were appointed to look into the qualifications of David Douglas are Donald Mc Leod, Ruth Martucci and Gordon Browne.

Consideration was given to methods of improving our Quarterly Meeting sessions Gordon Browne recommended the reading of the Yearly Meeting report on Quarterly Meetings. We are in agreement that each Monthly meeting devote some time to this

report and come to the next meeting of Ministry and Counsel with suggestions.

Donald McLeod spoke about the nature of the Quarterly Meeting.

A communication from Eugene Coffin asked all Friends to pray for President Nixon. Rev. Redfield urged Friends to earnestly follow Mr. Coffin's advice.

The arrangement committee is asked to schedule a Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to proceed the next regular Quarterly Meeting.

No further business coming before we are concluded if unfolding to meet at Westport 4th month. Date and Time to be announced by the Arrangements Committee.

Karl Erickson
Clerk Pro Tem

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
4th mo. 20th — 1969
Westport

Meeting opened by Clark reading from Faith and Practice. A short silence.

Report of last Meeting was read

Representatives were Karl Erickson, Harry Allen, and Esther Hess.

The following communication was read.

To the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel:

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of our Ministry and Counsel are pleased to report on the qualification of Dr. Stewart Kirkaldy to be a recorded Minister of the Society of Friends

We are in agreement that Dr. Stewart Kirkaldy is well qualified to be recorded as a Minister in the Society of Friends and recommend to the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel that he be so recorded.

For the committee
Karl Erickson
David Douglas
Ruth L. Haviland.

The members of this session on Ministry and Counsel are in unanimous agreement with this above report and Dr. Stewart Kirkaldy will be so recorded.

Harry Allen. Clerk.

The following Communication was read to the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Council,

The committee appointed at the last Meeting of our Ministry and Council are united to report on the Certification of David Douglas to be recorded as a Minister in the Society of Friends.

We are in agreement that David Douglas is well qualified to be recorded as a Minister in the Society of Friends and we recommend to the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Council that he be so recorded.

For the Committee
Donald McLeod
Ruth Martocci
Gordon Browne

The Members of this Meeting on Ministry and Council are in unanimous agreement with the above report and David Douglas will be so recorded,

Harry Allen, Clerk

A Copy of each of these reports has been sent to the Quarterly Meeting Clerk.

We should be glad that the members of our Quarterly Meeting are recorded as Ministers in our Friends Circle of Meetings.

We all are Ministers not only to Preach but to be useful in all phases of the work of the Meetings. We should be of assistance to those the members as much as possible.

For will miss a Meeting once we read the

nourishment but many feel the Church or Meeting gives them no nourishment and is not essential to their life. Spiritual nourishment is just as important to a successful life as Material nourishment.

What the Meeting teaches has its effect upon its listeners.

Gordon Browne will give a talk on Terminology at our next session.

No further business we conclude for proposing to meet at West Falmouth.

Harry Allen Clerk.

Memorial to Mary D. Gifford a member of Allens Neck Meeting, died January 10 - 1969 at the age of ninety-four. She was born in Westport, Massachusetts near Horseneck Beach and lived in the area all of her life. Her Meeting was an important part of her life. Until her health failed, she attended regularly all meetings for business and worship.

She was a member of Ministry and Counsel for many years and served as Clerk of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting when Smiths Neck and Allens Neck had a joint Meeting.

Mary D. as she was known to everyone, was a Sunday School teacher most of her adult life and her pupils remember her with love and affection. Everyone is surprised

at the great amount of work the Salem York Missionary Society has done through the years and Mary D. was the President and active hard working member. Her last duties included knitting Mittens for needy children in New Bedford.

Her guidance and help will be missed by her neighbors and friends.

West Falmouth Preparative Meeting of Friends.

Memorial to Mary Benson White.

This minute is prepared in loving memory of Mary Benson White, who died on the 25th day of September 1968 at the age of 87, in Plainfield New Jersey, a few months after moving there from Falmouth. Born in Providence, a descendant of Moores, Swifts, Giffords and other early Quaker families of Falmouth, she had during all of her life an intorm and abiding interest in the Society of Friends.

She was active in the West Falmouth Meeting at various periods of residence there, belonged while living in Roselle, New Jersey to the New York Yearly Meeting and attended the Orlando Meeting in Winter months for a number of years. Always an effective member of any organization which claimed her interest, many community projects benefitted from her energy and enthusiasm wherever she lived.

When at retirement she and her husband

Edward N. White came to Falmouth in 1945 they rendered constant and devoted service to West Falmouth Preparative Meeting as long as health permitted, caring for financial matters and taking responsibility in arranging for regular summer pastoral services in the Meeting House. After the loss of her husband in 1960, Mary White's devotion to the Quaker group continued as a natural part of her existance.

Here was a long life well lived. Friends and relatives can testify to the lively spirit which prevailed in her daily life, heartening and enriching those who had contact with her. We pay tribute to her loyalty, her warmth and her vitality, all of which she shared so willingly. Our love goes with her into the Light.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
7th mo. 20th — 1969
West Falmouth

Meeting opened by Clark reading from "Faith and Practice". Short silent period.
Minutes of last session were read.

Representatives were few and only two were named, from Allens Neck
Karl Erickson
Harry Allen

Representatives appointed to attend Yearly Meeting are as follows.
Alice Morris - Orleans Rd. Harwich, Mass
Ruth Marticci - Prospect Rd. Mattapoisett Mass
Ruth Howland - Main Rd. Central Village Mass

Appointment to Interim Committee of the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
Louise McManus
Alice Morris
a late request for these names was received after our Meeting.

There was considerable concern expressed at this session concerning the spiritual condition and other aspects of our local

Meetings and also the condition of our Quarterly Meeting sessions.

Small attendance at these sessions of members of the various Monthly Meetings in the Quarter, seemingly lack of interest lack of communication between Meetings, Ministry and Counsel does not fill the void between the different Meetings and does not seem to Minister to the needs of the separate Meetings.

The Meetings do not speak to the needs of the younger people so we have few attenders to our sessions, We have older people which are predominant in attendance at our Meetings.

There was so much concern about our sessions that Gregg Hilts of West Falmouth suggested a Minute should be written and these problems discussed to-day included and a copy be sent to each Meeting in the Quarter to see if some response from the Meetings could be received so something could be done to improve our Quarterly Meetings. He suggested that he and Maryland Sanford would write a Minute and send a copy to the Clerk of Ministry and Counsel and a copy would be forwarded to each Meeting in the Quarter.

The Minute follows:

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting
The Religious Society of Friends.

The session in West Falmouth on 7th mo 20 - 1969 approved of sending the following statement to all Meetings in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting:

If the responsibilities of the Ministry and Counsel of Quarterly Meeting are transferred to the Ministry and Counsel of New England Yearly Meeting, how will the many needs of the local Meetings be met? Is it possible for one committee to do so for all of New England?

Do we in this Quarterly Meeting know the present condition of all of our Meetings? Do any of them have problems to which we might suggest solutions? The 1968 Spiritual Condition Report indicates a wide variance of Spiritual and social action status in our Quarterly.

It has been said that "Organization is a good servant but a bad Master!" Are we to be handicapped by a change in Quarterly Meeting and Yearly Meeting? Should we establish another plan or organization to assure possible assistance when needed?

If so, what should it be? Is there an alternative or shall we become more isolated from each other, losing all leadership

contacts, inspiration and assistance?

As you know, the theme of the 1969 New England Yearly Meeting was "are Friends Concerned?" It is in harmony with the nationwide deep concern for Renewal in our beloved Society. If we are to join the many, many Meetings studying and planning renewal, can we do so alone?

If your Meeting approves of maintaining contact with others in Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, please notify Karl H. Erickson, 345 Pine Hill Rd. Westport, Mass 02790 (Phone 636-4680). A Meeting will be planned early this Fall at which time the two or more delegates from each Meeting will present brief reports about their Meetings, including problems. From the frank discussions it is hoped that areas that need attention will be made clear and that plans (organization) can be made to expedite renewal in each Meeting.

The words of Wilmer A. Cooper come to mind "The Seedbed of Quakerism must be tended if Friends are to continue to bear fruit".

Fred Gibbs
West Falmouth

Mary Allen Clark
Ministry & Counsel

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
Jan. 18-1970

Meeting at Friends Meeting House.
Theme and Queries for Ministry and Counsel
from Faith and Practice.

Representatives from three Monthly
Meetings are.

Allen Neck	Karl Erickson	Harry Allen
Sandwich	Louise M. E. Marcus	
Falmouth	Donald M. Reed	and

others.

Some comments on the Minute from
Falmouth regarding the Yearly Meeting
taking over some responsibilities of our
Ministry and Counsel and; Communication
has broken down in our Quarterly Meeting
sessions between the various Monthly
Meetings; if the Yearly Meeting assumes
some of the duties of our services we
will have less contact with the Meetings
in the Quarter and as we are not clear
as to the intentions of Yearly Meeting in
this matter we will wait for more information and it was suggested that this Minute
from Falmouth be read to all Meetings
again as some complained they had not
received it. & apply to this Minute as
requests from each Meeting is requested
to our next Quarterly Meeting to be held

at Allen Neck Meeting House April 19-
1970 at 1-30 p.m.

Some questions and comments were stated: What is to be done for the New Bedford Friends Meeting? There should be a Committee appointed to work out programs for young Friends for next Quarterly Meeting session. We have an arrangements Committee - why not use it?

Gardner Grinnell was asked to watch Ed Hinshaw to see if he would be available to meet with the arrangements Committee to make out programs for young people for next Quarterly Meeting session in April. A comment was made: "The more we have Ed. Hinshaw here in our midst, the more we will progress in our Meetings".

Faith and Practice not returned to our Friends. We admit Visitors as Friends and seems there is a need to reach out and touch people.

We thank the Wallapawatt Meeting for their hospitality furnished for our session today.

Mary Allen Chuck

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Upcoming and Current
April 19 – 1970
Allen Neck Friends Meeting House

This session of Upcoming and Current was held at Allen Neck Friends Meeting House. Clerk called for a period of silence to think upon the problems facing us as a Quarterly Meeting of Friends.

Minutes of last Meeting were read, a letter was received by the Clerk from Claiborne Marsh after listing names for Representatives to Yearly Meeting.

Representatives to Yearly Meeting on Upcoming and Current are:

Louise R. McManus – 231 Tyngsmarsh Rd. Falmouth Mass. 02540
David Douglas – Box 225 Pocasset Mass. 02559
Cynthia Tuckey – 15 Tiffany Rd. No. Falmouth Mass.

To serve on Interim Committee of Yearly Meeting on Upcoming and Current:

Ernest Wood – 6 Chestnut St. Boston Mass. 02108
Alice Morris – Gibbons Rd. Harwich Mass. 02645

The Clerk was requested to contact Frances Swift Thurber Bedford for representative to attend Yearly Meeting. Mary Allen Clarke Asso Recorder.

SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
MINISTRY AND COUNSEL
MATTAPOISETT FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE
JANUARY 10, 1971 at 1:30P.M.

This session of Ministry and Counsel was held at Mattapoisett Friends Meeting House. Karl Erikson, acting Clerk in the absence of Harry Allen, called for a period of silence. It was noted that Harry Allen was ill and it was hoped that he would be feeling better soon.

The minutes being late in arriving, it was suggested that Friends move to the program for the session. Ernest Weed, head of Beacon Hill Friends House and former pastor of Allens Neck Friends Meeting, gave a thorough and informative account of the discussions held at the St. Louis Conference this past October. Supplementing this acounting was the personal reactions of Gordon Browne, Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, to this important conference. Both agreed that this discussion among representatives of the Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, and Evangelical Friends Alliance was profitable. It is hoped that these discussions will continue both in an informal sense and in future conferences. It is hoped that these discussions will move us all to greater mutual understanding of this great diversity to the end of great unity among all Friends. It was noted that Edwin Hinshaw and Robert Lyons will act as Yearly Meeting representatives in future discussions. Considerable discussion followed these two presentations. Participating were Howard Macy, Donald MacCleod, Gordon Browne, Ernest Weed, and Karl Erikson.

The call of representatives from the respective Monthly Meetings: Allens Neck, Westport, Dartmouth, Mattapoisett, Sandwich, and West Falmouth. Although only two of the Meetings had nominated representatives present, nevertheless there were three of more present from the above Meetings.

→ The acting Clerk noted that it was necessary for the Monthly Meetings to nominate representatives so that the Quarterly could be assured of adequate representation from all Monthly Meetings as well as active participation. Several Monthly Meetings noted that this practice was no longer followed or had been forgotten. No clarity on this matter was reached. It was further noted by the acting Clerk that Swansea Monthly Meeting had not been represented for several Quarterly sessions. It was urged that Friends write to Friends at Swansea asking for their help in the affairs of the Quarterly and noting the general feeling of loss that Friends have over their absence.

→ Louis Marstaller, Executive Secretary of N.E. Yearly Meeting, suggested a plan of action that entails the use of $1,000. accrued interest from the Susan Kirby Fund. This fund is designated for a plan of action for outreach among Friends in the Quarterly. Specifically, it was proposed that Howard Macy (Smiths Neck Friends), Will Franz (Westport Friends) and Andy Grannell (Allens Neck) work together with representatives from each of the Monthly Meetings. The plan for discussing the use of the $1,000. for outreach is the following:

a. two members of each Meeting (one being a member of the Quarterly Ministry and Counsel and the other either a leader or interested member of the Monthly Meeting)

b. with the guidance of Louis Marstaller

c. to meet at Smiths Neck Friends on Saturday Night 7:30P.M. on January 30, 1971.

→ Ruth Martocci reported on the revitalized ministry being carried on at Mattapoisett Friends. There have been a series of Friends minsiters visiting Mattapoisett Meeting since late in November of 1970. It is

hoped that this visitation on the part of these Friends will lead Mattapoisett Friends to a more "Quakerly" outlook. Attendance has shown fluctuation, but the overall results have been most gratifying. It was noted that Ernest Weed and Gregory Harrison have been most helpful in carrying on this responsibility.

→ Andrew Grannell announced the reopening of the Maelstrom CoffeeHouse and the continuation of the efforts of the Quaker Caucus. The Maelstrom which is a Quarterly-sponsored project presently has $450.oo in its treasury which should carry it through this coming semester at S.M.U. The continuing upset in atmosphere of the University is cause for some consern among Friends and it is hoped that some sort of meaningful ministry can be carried out in this context. Plans for the re-opening are going forward in close co-operation with Westport Friends. It was further noted that the Quaker Caucus has been in Meeting since August. Much of this time has been spent in examining the critical issues of the day in New Bedford. The Caucus has finally found a sense of unity on the area of police -community relations and the whole gamut of issues surrounding the courts. One plan of action recently adopted by the Caucus has been the concept of court watching in the lower courts of New Bedford. Progress reports on this activity will forthcoming.

→ It is estimated that over thirty -five persons were present at this session of the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. We took our leave after a brief moment of silence.

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New England Yearly Meeting on
Ministry and Counsel
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting
Ministry and Counsel
May 23 – 1971.

Representatives appointed to attend
Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel

Gordon M. Browne Jr. Main St. Cotuit Mass. 02635

Ruth Martocci Prospect Rd. Mattapoisett Mass 02739

Doris Ashley 15 Horseneck Rd. Dartmouth Mass 02714

Minutes to serve on Interim Committee of
Ministry and Counsel.

Alice C. Morris Orleans Rd. Harwich Mass. 02645
Ernest Weed 6 Chestnut St. Boston Mass. 0108

Harry W. Allen Clerk

Jamaica Quarterly Meeting of Friends
Ministry and Counsel
January 16 — 1972
Matlapoisett Friends Meeting House

Meeting Commenced at 1—30 p.m.
Clerk read report of the last Meeting held January 10th - 1971, at Matlapoisett Friends Meeting House. Karl Ericsson acted as Clerk for this session because of sickness of Harry Allen.

At this session of Ministry and Counsel we had members present from the following Meetings:
Lawnsun — Dorothy F. Williamson + Susannah H. Lawton
Jamaica — Margaret Douglas
Allens Neck, Harry Allen — Doris Ashley — Karl Ericsson
Westport — Charlotte A. Ramsdell
Matlapoisett — Ruth Mastocci, Frank Mastocci
Dorothea L. Baron,
Adeliza M. Stevens.

Harry Allen Clerk

Complete report on this session is attached.

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Ministry and Counsel of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting convened at Mattapoisett Meeting on January 16, 1972 at 1:30. Following a period of fellowship and worship, Harry Allen, Clerk, read the minutes of the last meeting. He expressed a concern that he should resign as Clerk of Sandwich Ministry and Counsel. His resignation was accepted with real regret and with many expressions of gratitude for his many years of service, his sensitive awareness to the needs and problems facing the Quarterly Ministry and Counsel, and his tact and discretion in pointing out discrepencies, in bringing the members back to the subject being considered when necessary.

Frances Howland of Westport Meeting then was approved as the new clerk, with Doris Ashley, Allen's Neck Meeting, to act as Assistant Clerk.

It was asked that names of Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel members be forwarded to the Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

It was announced that, in keeping with the new directive from New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, Monthly Ministry and Counsel Clerks send one copy of their Spiritual Condition reports to the New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel and one to the Clerk of Quarterly Meeting. Rather than make the usual summary of Monthly Meeting reports on Spiritual Condition, the Quarterly Meeting will write its own report on the Spiritual Condition of Quarterly Meeting. The Arrangements Committee was asked to prepare this report this year and bring it to Spring Quarterly Meeting for discussion and approval.

Jeannette Smith of No. Dartmouth Meeting and co-chairman of Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, talked informally about the preparation of these Spiritual Condition reports, the need for soul-searching and self-examination of each Ministry and Counsel about the health of its own Monthly Meeting spiritual health, using the Queries in Faith and Practice, and the need to answer to the various Friends' testimonies.

She also spoke of Ministry and Counsel's functions as a clearing-house for outreach programs, its workshops on Marriage Enrichment, Mysticism, and the Towards Caring Personal Growth workshop, suggesting that individual meetings might care to develop personal growth workshops, using materials such as "Creative Listening", used to great advantage by Hartford Ministry and Counsel. Thanks were tendered Jeannette Smith for sharing her concerns with Sandwich Quarterly Ministry and Counsel.

All minds being clear, the meeting closed purposing to meet again on January 23rd, second Sunday at Mattapoisett or at the call of the Clerk.

This report written by Doris Ashley
acting for Harry Allen Clerk

January 21, 1973

Ministry & Counsel of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting met at Mattapoisett Meeting on First Day, January 21, 1973 with twenty-three in attendance. The Meeting opened with a period of worship and prayer led by Frances Howland, Clerk. Representatives from Smith's Neck, Mattapoisett, Sandwich, Falmouth, Westport, Swansea, Marion and Allen's Neck Meetings answered the roll call.

A memorial to Lizzie Allen of Allen's Neck Meeting was read & approved to be forwarded to Quarterly Meeting.

Charlotte Pennuzio announced that a group of Friends had asked to be recognized as a newly-organized Marion Meeting and asked that they be so authorized by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. A special committee was appointed to investigate the concerns of this group. Members appointed were Charlotte Pennuzio, Jean Kennison, Cora Tripp & Paul Mangelsdorf.

The minutes of the January 1971 were read and approved.

Ministry & Counsel of Allen's Neck Meeting requested that Andrew Giannelli's gift of ministry be recognized and recorded. The committee appointed to consider his fitness to be so recorded consists of David Douglas, Stewart Kirkaldy and Ruth Mastocci.

It was announced that a State of Society report should be forwarded to Quarterly Meeting for approval. Some discussion followed concerning the function of Ministry & Counsel and what should be reported upon. A committee of Frances Howland, Louise McManus, Dorothy Williamson, Ruth Mastocci & Doris Ashley were appointed

to begin work on this report.

Dorothy Williamson reported the death of Cornelia Lockwood of Swansea Meeting on January 14, 1973 at the age of 94. She was a well-known long time member of the Society of Friends.

A period of open sharing and lively discussion and a warm feeling of deep sharing of fellowship & convictions was led by Ruth Mertsock and Doris Ashley. Members present felt a concern for Quarterly Ministry & Counsel to meet 4 times a year rather than only annually. It was felt the meeting should not be the same day as Quarterly Meeting. Since Ministry & Counsel may meet at the call of the clerk, it was approved that Clerk & the committee to consider the State of Society report plan next meeting of Ministry & Counsel before April.

Clerk thanked Matta poisett Meeting for its hospitality and expressed pleasure at the number of members present & their enthusiasm & participation.

A short period of worship was held before the Meeting approved adjournment, purposing to meet again before April Quarterly Meeting, God willing.

~~Doris~~ Respectfully submitted,
Doris A Ashley, Assistant Clerk

March 22 1973

Sandwich Quarterly Ministry and Council Committee met Third Month, twenty-fifth day of 1973 at Matteponsett Meeting at one p.m.

Frances Haviland opened the period of worship by reading of the first Query for Ministry and Counsel from Faith and Practice of the Yearly Meeting.

Representatives were present from Sandwich, Dartmouth, Westport, Matteponsett, Marion, Acushnet and Allen's Neck Meetings. Words of welcome were extended to Lowell Hazeltine, Yearly Meeting Secretary.

Albert Bigelow of Marion Meeting, was introduced by Ruth Hartshorne. Albert Bigelow, along with Mark Simon and Bill Frank Westport Meeting, is one of the members of volunteer observers, working at Walpole State Prison, while prison guards are not functioning. Bert gave an informative and very interesting report of conditions existing at the prison, the need for prison reform and the need for contributions to supplement the wages paid by the A.F.S.C. for the many necessary telephone calls to observers. Mark + Bill also spoke, offering their observations about the work of the volunteers and the bad conditions in the prisons. Notice was given of a meeting on the prison situation to be held at 1st B. Trinity Methodist April 11 at 7:30 p.m. David Douglas suggested we take up an offering to be given to the Ad-Hoc Committee for the prison work for phone calls. A sum of $80.00 was collected.

It was suggested that the Quarterly hold a workshop on non-violence, but no action was taken.

Trustees [illegible] to be excused, and Assistant Clerk took over her duties as clerk. Dorothy Eaton [illegible]

Mark the Assistant Clerk's minutes of the last meeting

The committee were sorry the meeting from Warren Meeting reported they had met one of Warren Friends and just that those Friends were, Sincere in their intent and recommend that their Meeting be recognized as a new Meeting under the care of Dansville Quarterly Meeting. Approval was given to make this recommendation to Quarterly Meeting.

David Douglas and Mark Hartwood reported that the committee appointed the removal of Adelbert Crandall of Fillmore Meeting as a member. Approval was given to this Quarterly Meeting to approve ~~the action~~ of Fillmore Crandall as a recorded minister.

After some discussion about the Canadian Yearly and Canadian State of Society report, it was approved that to be held at the Stephens House.

was Sarah's report written by David Douglas as her report. (Copy attached).

A concern was raised about Jail Visiting and materials suitable were asked to meet to consider the problem.

Metta presented Meeting was extended words of thanks for their warm hospitality.

The Ad Hoc Planning committee was asked to make arrangements for Quarterly Meeting and Council to meet South Bristol Town Hall at New Bedford Spring Street Meeting.

Adjournment to next person of business, meeting adjourned participating to meet again June 2nd.

Respectfully submitted

Doris F. Ashley

Assistant Clerk

June 24/73

Sandwich Quarterly Ministry and Counsel met Third Sunday, Sixth Month, 1973 at New Bedford Spring Street Meeting. Following a period of fellowship, a worship experience was led by Ruth Martocci and Doris Ashley.

Following representatives answered Roll Call:
New Bedford - Addie Stevens
Mattapoisett - Ruth & Frank Martocci
Allen's Neck - Gladys Gifford, Lydia Lewis
Smith Neck - Howard Macy, Cora Tripp, Donald Macleod (Doris Ashley)
~~Falmouth~~ Sandwich - Margaret Douglas
Westport - Wil Franz, Eleanor Tripp, Frances Howland, Ruth Howland, Jean & Larry Kinnison
Guests Ruth & John Kallaw of Providence Meeting and Kitty Stevens of No. Dartmouth were welcomed.

Assistant Clerk's minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Wil Franz passed around copies of literature being left in Westport Meeting seats for the use and edification of visitors to ze Friends worship. He spoke briefly about these and gave permission to other meetings to use any or all of such information as was found useful.

Howard Macy announced that in addition to the Annual third Sunday in July meeting, the Apponegansett Meeting in Dartmouth would be open each Summer Sunday for worship at 8:30 a.m. Ruth Martocci told of her feelings for this "special place" where the building itself seemed to "carry a residual of worship from the past."

Copies of the Quarter's State of Society report were given out and read aloud.

Karl Erickson, speaking for the Quarterly Arrangements Committee, asked those present to suggest a program for the July Quarterly Meeting.

Comments were made to the effect that sometimes the programs had been entertainment only and that a return to the older "threshing meetings" might be considered. Other suggestions were the lack of worship in meetings for business, the need for spiritual unity, and the especial needs for both these considerations at the forthcoming Yearly Meeting.

Notice was given of a change of place for Quarterly Meeting, to be held July 15th at Smith Neck. Thanks were tendered Smith Neck from Westport members whose July calendar was over-full. Westport will take its turn in the Fall. Karl Erickson was asked to notify all meetings of the change in place & details of Quarterly Meeting.

There being no further business and all minds being clear, meeting adjourned after a period of silence, purposing to meet 3rd First Day in September at Westport Meeting.

Doris Ashley, Assistant Clerk

September 23, 1973

Sandwich Quarterly Ministry and Counsel met First Day, 23rd Ninth Month, 1973 with 19 members present, at Westport Meeting.

Representatives were:

New Bedford Mtg. Jeannette Smith
Mattapoisett: Cynthia Power, Ruth Martocci, Emma Lawrence
Westport - Jean & Larry Kennison, Ruth Howland
Eleanor Tripp, Frances Howland, Charlotte Pomeroy
Swansea - none
Sandwich - David & Margaret Douglas
Smith Neck - Donald MacLeod, Cora Tripp
Allen's Neck - Michael Carter, Doris Ashley
Marion Meeting - Regrets from Sylvia & Bert Bigelow
Cynthia MacGowan & Frank Martocci were welcomed guests.

A period of worship was led by Frances Howland, Clerk, who read the 1st & 2nd Queries for Ministry & Counsel from Faith & Practice.

A warm welcome was extended to guest speaker, Virginia Towle who is chairman of Yearly Meeting Ministry & Counsel.

Larry Kennison reported about the Yearly Meeting workshop on Human Sexuality.

The "Knowing the Light" retreat weekend to be held Nov. 2-4 at Farrington Memorial Conference Center in Lincoln was announced by Doris Ashley.

~~Wil~~ Frances spoke about the cards left in benches at Westport Meeting for the edification of non-Friend visitors to that Meeting.

A nominating committee composed of Frances Howland, Louise MacManus, Ruth Martocci, a member of Marion Meeting, & Doris Ashley was approved.

A concern of Louise MacManus was ~~approved~~ raised concerning the need for continued meeting & worship enrichment in the Quarter and suggested some of the Susan Kirby Fund money, designated for gospel work might be available for this goal. David Douglas clarified the use of this money, approximately $1200. Yearly ~~Ministry~~ Meeting Permanent Board decided some one should oversee the use of this money left for gospel work in Sandwich Quarter and had appointed Louis Marstellar as Field Secretary to approve any use of the fund.

It was approved the Ad Hoc Committee: Frances H. Ruth M., Louise MacM. & Doris Ashley look into the possibility of some sort of enrichment program, with Andrew Grannell to act as facilitator and resource reference along with Louis Marstellar — possibly asking help from FGC.

It was reported Quarterly Meeting would meet Oct 21st at Marion Meeting, with a tentative speaker Margaret Wentworth. Also reported was the Annual Quarterly Ministry & Counsel meeting to be held at Matteponi at Meeting in January 1974.

Andrew Grannell asked members to continue to look for his replacement as Assistant Clerk of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and volunteers or suggestions go to Charlotte Pennuzio.

Virginia Tuole was then introduced and spoke

about the functions of Yearly Meeting Ministry & Counsel and asking "What are our Goals." She spoke about our religious roots being more important than the fruits. She outlined Gordon Browne's response to the question about goals and discussed some of the problem areas concerning Yearly Meeting M & C: membership, our need to define our beliefs, the changing concerns towards the family, marriage & divorce, need for intervisitation, outreach & retreats. M. & C. is not a problem-solver - but concerned Friends who go & see, not just wonder why?, and share and care. She raised the importance of the State of Society reports as an important exercise in re-examining our meetings and our quarters goals, roots and fruits.

A short discussion period was followed by a few moments of silence and the Meeting adjourned purposing to meet in Mattaponi at our Third Sunday.

First Month, 1974.

Doris A. Ashley
Assistant Clerk

January 30 1974

Annual Meeting Sandwich Quarterly Meeting with 24 present of Ministry and Counsel met at Mattapoisett Meeting January 20 1974 and enjoyed a period of fellowship followed by a meeting for worship. Frances Haviland clerk read an excerpt from Bro. Lawrence's Light Heavens" and Louise MacManus shared some of Douglas Steere's thoughts on worship.

Assistant Clerk's minutes were read and approved with several corrections. Those present were: Smithfield - Donald Kincaid, Stephen Haviland; New Bedford - Jeannette Taber Smith; Marion - Sydonia Bigelow + Donna Carson, Westport - Wilfred Young - Stewart Kirkaldy - Alice Remaine, Blanche Brackett, Ruth Haviland, Frances Haviland; Falmouth: Daniel + Margaret Douglas, Louise McManus, Allen's Neck, Michael Carter - Doris Ashley - Mattapoisett - Rich + Frank Barlow, Dorothy LeBaron, Lorraine Bryant, Adeline Shiloh, Cynthia Power - Louis Marshall and Andrew Grannell also present were warmly welcomed

Louise McManus explained the function of the Ad Hoc Planning Committee and elaborated on the latter sent each meeting desiring for local quarterly concerns. Four meetings (N. D., Wsp. Marion, Falmouth) replied. Suggestions and ideas of many kinds came from the meeting members in support of many items. So many concerns and possible solutions of them were proposed that the Meeting proposed that an

appointed to the committee composed of: ~~the~~ Secretaries from each section together with the original committee met to discuss plans. The meeting approved the special committee to formulate and implement plans to stimulate the spiritual growth of the Seventh Elementary pupils during the present school year & to keep the possibility of ~~the~~ Season of Retreat if feasible." It was agreed that the committee would meet Monday, Feb. 4, at the home of Jeannette Smith's at 7 p.m. Representatives to the committee are: Eleanor Lee, Linda Douglas; Westport, Wilton; Mary Ann Hoffman, Mary Ann Taylor; Darien, Carol Sherman, Helen's Heath, Nicki Carter; Swanson, Dorothy Williamson; Small Heath, Donald M. Reed, Upton Farland, Junior High Committee: Lorrie Williams, Frances Farland, Ruth Marlowe, Doris Fidler.

Short period of worship closed the meeting which was resumed in the Sunday at the call of the Chorister.

Doris F. Fidler
Assistant Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel
April 21, 1974

Frances Howland, clerk, opened the meeting for worship with a reading from Christian Faith and Practice of London Yearly Meeting about concerns and the leading of the Spirit. Twenty-five members were present, representing Swansea, Smith Neck, Allen's Neck, Westport, New Bedford, Matteponsett, Marion and Sandwich Meetings. Six guests from Swansea, as well as Ernest Weed, Louis Marstaller and Andrew Granzell were welcomed.

Minutes of the January Annual Meeting were read and approved. A report listing suggestions for improving Quarterly Meeting in several ways was given by the Ad Hoc Planning Committee.

Reports of individual Meeting reports of the various States of Society were read and the Meeting approved forwarding to Charlotte Pannazio, Clerk of Sandwich Quarter, a resumé of this reports prepared by Frances Howland.

Jeannette Smith gave a report of the interviewation project which used as a vehicle the Christian Faith and Practice of London Yearly Meeting, distributed by the Obadiah Brown fund and N.E. Yearly Meeting. This proved to be a well-received and successful venture with reverberations of interest and uplift. Meetings still to be visited are Marion, Yarmouth and West Falmouth.

Meeting approved the Ad Hoc Planning Committee continuing to meet at the call of the Clerk. Local meetings were asked to contribute ideas for use of the Susan B. Kirby Fund for Gospel work to this committee. The next meeting of this group will be at 4:30 May 23 at Falmouth House, each to bring

Sandwiches. Those wishing to carpool transportation will meet at 5:30 at Spring Street Meeting, N.B.

Andrew Grannell spoke of the weekend Quarterly Meetings of North west Quarter. The Ad Hoc Committee was advised to study the feasibility of Sandwich Quarter meeting in like manner.

The Meeting closed with silence, purposing to meet next at Westport on June 23.

Doris H. Ashley, Assistant Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of
Ministry and Counsel June 23, 1974 at Westport Meeting

A short period of silence opened the Meeting by Frances Howland clerk with 8 members present. Temporary minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved with corrections Representatives were from Sandwich, Westport, Matapoisett, Smith Neck and Allen's Neck meeting.

Frances announced that next Quarterly Meeting would be held at N.B. Spring Street Meeting July 21, with Sadie Vernon would be Sadie Vernon of Belisle. A honorarium was approved to be given her from the Susan B. Kirby fund. Sadie will be available to meet with local meetings from July 22-26. Meetings desiring to have Sadie join them should notify Caleb Smith at whose home she will be staying before Yearly Meeting.

The death of Franklin Reed on June 15, 1974 was announced a short period of silence was held in his memory.

It was reported that David Douglas had visited Nantucket Meeting May 26 as part of the intervisitation project, and other visits would be in order by those making summer visits to the Island.

A letter from the Quarterly Arrangements Committee listed the Quarterly Meetings to be held on Saturdays for the coming year: October, Sandwich Meeting; January, Mattapoisett Meeting; April, Allen's Neck; July, Westport Mtg.

Announcement was made that Louise McManus had been hospitalized recently.

A request from Frances Howland was made, wishing to be relieved of the duty of Clerk and will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee to act on before the Annual Meeting January 5th

A discussion followed concerning the needs of the Quarterly Ministry and Counsel. Suggestions were made: that the Quarterly Meeting and individual Meetings, as well as Ministry and Counsel Meetings need further revitalization; that Quarterly Meeting might be made more viable and vital if we tried weekend Quarterly Meetings, preferably Friday night thru Saturday afternoon; that perhaps Quarterly Meetings were too frequent with too many other Meetings overburdening dedicated members, and that perhaps the Quarter should meet only for special needs. A Suggestion for using part of the Kirby Fund was the possibility of having a Quarterly Executive Secretary to serve as co-ordinator and catalyst, perhaps even retaining a Friend or even a Young Friend to serve in this capacity - visiting individual Meetings as well as other Quarters and following through on recommended programs. Frances Howland was asked to be in touch with Andrew Grannell about this last suggestion.

Ministering to meetings that have special needs of nurturing and revitalizing might be considered not only a privilege but a responsibility, it was noted.

Announcement was made that there would be an 11 a.m. Meeting at Long Plain 3rd Third Day in July.

Several names were put forth as possibilities as possible replacements for Frances Howland as Clerk and were to be forwarded to the Nominating Committe.

No further business being presented, the Meeting closed with silence, purposing to meet October 18 at Sandwich.

D. D. Ashley, Assistant Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Council

October 18, 1974

Meeting for worship was opened by Frances Howland, Clerk, with a reading on prayer from minutes of London Yearly Meeting. Minutes of the last Meeting were then read and approved. The following twenty-one persons reported present:

Westport: Frances Howland, Ruth Howland, Andrew Kirkaldy, Evelyn Weston, Charlotte Pomeroy

Smith Neck: Donald MacLeod

New Bedford: Jeannette and Caleb Smith

Mattapoisett: Ruth and Frank Marbucci

Sandwich: David and Margaret Douglas, Amelia Schaltenbrand, Pat and Charlie Harvey

Yarmouth: Gordon & Edith Browne

Allen's Neck: Mike Carter, Karl Erickson, Doris Ashley

After some discussion, Meeting approved recommending that Caroline Pinto of F.G.C. Committee on Religious Education be asked to lead a demonstration class for third and fourth grade pupils of Sandwich Quarter and a workshop for teachers

of First Day Schools. Travel expenses for Caroline Price might be sought from the Susan Kirby Fund. Calat Smith added that Caroline's work in other areas had been most successful.

Several reports of various conferences followed. Sylvia Bigelow spoke of the John Yungblood retreat in the Spring and the ecumenical group Marion Meeting is a part of and which will have a weekend together at La Follette Shrine Nov 10-12. It was noted that Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel was holding a retreat on the Leeward Journey the same weekend.

Doris Hisley reported on the widely attended workshop sponsored by Y.M. Ministry and Counsel at Yearly Meeting on Human Sexuality which concluded there was a real need for further dialog on this important concern.

Frances Howland also gave impressions of Yearly Meeting, especially sharing feelings with friends of all ages at worship sharing meetings and the sense of caring and love expressed by young Friends through their presentation of the Bruscaglia tape on Love.

An excellent account of the Faith and Life weekend in Indianapolis October 13-14 with 165 Friends was given by Gordon Browne who attended with Claribel Masteller as New England representatives. This conference was initiated by Evangelical Friends of America and held under the care of Friends World Committee as a basis for greater unity and cooperation between diverse U.S. Friends. The subject was "the place of Christ in Quaker belief and the source of authority recognized by Friends." The pamphlet "Quaker Understanding of Christ and of Authority" was used as background material and is available for general study groups.

Authority in the Bible derived, the conference agreed, from Scriptures, from human experience, and from continuing revelation. Much trust was developed among Friends, and frankness, openness, confidentness, no longer caused tension, the acceptance of North Eastern Friends over Evangelical Friends was greatly relieved, and it was agreed ~~by~~ that all were shaped by the Society of Friends. The conference concluded that "Friends are a Christian body, the historical Jesus was a reality, and that the eternal Christ was and is at the heart of the religious experience."

Sincere appreciation was tendered Gordon by the Meeting for his excellent report. Thanks were all extended to Sandwich Friends for their fine hospitality, good food and warm fires.

David Douglas deferred his report until Quarterly Meeting following lunch, due to the lateness of the hour.

Meeting closed with a short period of worship, purposing to meet January 18, 1975 at Mattapoisett Meeting.

Doris H. Ashley, Recording Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Ministry and Counsel

January 18, 1975 Mattapoisett

A period of worship was opened by Frances Nowell, Clerk by reading on silence, "Be Still" from Christian Faith and Practice of London Yearly Meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

Twenty Friends were in attendance at the opening of the business meeting: Smyth Nick: Howard Macy, Donald Macleod Swansea: Ellsworth McAfee, Marion: Sylvia Bigelow, New Bedford: Jeannette & Calet Smith. Mattapoisett: Ruth & Frank Martocci, Pamela Humphrey, Dorothea Lagasse: Dorothea Baron

Sandwich: Margaret & David Douglas, Westport. Frances Howland, Blanche Brackett, Alice Lemaire Andrew Kirkaldy, Allen's Neck: Karl Erickson, Michael Carter & Doris Ashley.

Sylvia Bigelow, Frances Howland for Charlotte Pennino, and Doris Ashley reported on visits to Nantucket Meeting, expressing pleasure and sense of caring felt by Nantucket members. An interest in attending a weekend workshop on the Cape was spoken of by some of the young Nantucket Friends, affording them a chance to learn more about the work and concerns of the wider Society of Friends as well as to get to meet Quarterly members. After some discussion, Ministry and Counsel suggested recommending to Quarterly Meeting that the Arrangements Committee for the next Quarterly Meeting at Allen's Neck Meeting, Dartmouth, on April 19, 1975 might consider the possibility of presenting a workshop on the subject of Friends Service and concerns, perhaps at Falmouth House and including Nantucket Friends.

Friends volunteering continuing visitation to the Island for the next few months are: Jeanette & Calet Smith, Margaret & David Douglas, Mary Sullivan & Michael Carter.

Blanche Brackett and Alice Lemaire reported on their visit to Arcadia, Cal. Friends Meeting, & the welcome extended them and the differences in viewpoints among Cal. Friends.

Howard Macy, Frances Howland, Ruth Martocci & Doris Ashley spoke of the visit of Caroline Pineo of F.G.C. Christian Education Committee to this area, & the visit here sponsored

by the Seeson D. Kirby Fund. A very successful demonstration class was given to a dozen children, ages 7-12, from Allen's Neck & Smith Neck First Day Schools. Caroline's lively teaching methods - association to about ten observing adults - brought the children from reluctance, at first, to be there to unbounded enthusiasm and intense excitement. At a second informal meeting and tea for Caroline and teachers and Christian Education members, resources of very kind were exhibited and many valuable teaching tips given. Jeannette Smith was the hostess for this gathering.

Karl Erickson expressed the concern of Allen's Neck Meeting to have Michael D. Carter become a Friend's Recorded Minister. Ministry and Counsel approved an appointed committee of Jeannette Smith, David Douglas and Stewart Kirkaldy to appraise his fitness and ability to interpret the Society of Friends to his Meeting and to the community and to report at the next Quarterly Meeting on Ministry & Counsel.

Sybloia Beigelow reported on a retreat weekend at Falmouth House in October by Marion Meeting and also of a non-Quaker Ecumenical, well attended by Marion members, which brought new insight and understanding to all attenders.

Frances Howland and Doris Ashley reported briefly on the inspirationally rewarding weekend held by N.E.Y.M. Ministry and Counsel on "The Inward Journey" in Nov. at Goose Hill, N.H. Vermont, recommending wider attendance at such retreats by more Sandwich Quarter members.

David Douglas, as chairman of Y.M. Finance Committee, spoke of the stewardship of financing and the urgency for more financial aid at all levels, yet

recognizing the demands of inflation on personal budgets. He urged all present to bring back to individual Meetings the necessity of re-evaluating our personal and Meeting needs, suggesting each M+C study the concern of Stewardship - perhaps formulating a specific query, carefully worded, to be read at worship or business meeting at least once a month, emphasizing simplicity and the right use of money, individually, and in the care of others.

An expression of appreciation was made to Matta-pan-sett Meeting for their generous hospitality and warm welcome.

Each Meeting Ministry and Counsel was asked to make it's State of Society report an honest evaluation and to forward it, after careful approval by the Monthly Meeting, to the Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.

Small groups were then formed to discuss for the remainder of the morning several questions concerning worship, why, what happens during that period, what is expected from it, how its quality affects members and the state of the Society as a whole.

Gathering again for a brief period of silence, the Meeting adjourned, to propose to meet at Hilda's Rock Meeting in Dartmouth, Seventh Day, April 19, 1975.

Doris A. Hahley
Recording Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and Council
Helen's Neck Dartmouth April 19.1975

The meeting opened with a period of worship and records read by Frances Howland, Clerk. Minutes of last Quarterly Ministry and Council were read and approved.

Michael Carter and Mary Sullivan announced that they would visit Nantucket Friends May 17-18. It was reported George Selleck expressed his thanks for all the visits but noted that Summer visits would be less rewarding due to increased tourism. It was suggested one visit in the fall but repeat during June - August. These having been made visits should send Frances Howland bills to be signed and sent on to Louis Marstaller. Celebrate Tennants Smith will visit Nantucket first weekend in May.

Frances Howland read a report from Jeannette Smith, David Cowles and Stewart Kirkaldy concerning the fitness of Michael Carter to become a recorded Minister for Helen's Neck. The report strongly recommended his approval as recorded minister. This was approved and a minute was drawn up to be presented to the Quarterly Meeting:

"The committee chosen to visit Michael Carter report that they have visited him and are in unity in recommending that Ministry and Council report favorably to Sandwich Quarterly Meeting on the request of Helen's Neck to have M. Jael D Carter recorded as a Minister for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends. We warmly approve of this Quarterly Meeting."

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting requests that Howard Macy be recorded as a minister in the Society of Friends. A committee of the following members visit Howard and report at the next Quarterly Meeting: Ann Stirey and Counsel; Jeannette Smith, David Douglas, and Stewart Kirkaldy — as to his fitness to become a Friends Minister.

A State of Society report was drawn up by Frances Haviland; read, and after minor alterations was approved to be sent to Quarterly Meeting for further action.

A report from Bliss from FCNL visited during Ann Stirey's Counsel, speaking briefly about FCNL and his monthly meeting at Monadnock. He especially spoke to the Food crises situation, telling how churches are putting pressure on Congress to allocate funds for food. Food crisis is one of FCNL's priorities. Southeast Asia is another. Military budget, being the highest in the world, makes it a matter of serious concern.

A system of application for the use of the Susan B. Kirby Fund was brought up. Dispersal of funds must go through Yearly Meeting committees before being used by Sandwich Quarterly. Howard Installer as Field Secretary is in charge of the use of this money. It was mentioned that Quarterly feels reluctant as to its use. It was felt the Quarterly Clerk might be in charge of its use rather than the Field Secretary. With this [illegible] removed from our care, Ann Stirey will [illegible] the [illegible]

to get the meeting to spend more money rather than perhaps reaching an out side U.N. Source.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned with silence, purposing to meet at Westport, July 19, 1975

Michael D Cutler
Clerk pro tem
Sandwich Quarterly Ministry and Counsel
Westport Monthly Meeting, July 19, 1975

Frances Forland Clerk opened the meeting for worship with a thought from the Westport News. Minutes of their Ministry and Counsel Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The monthly meetings on the Quarter were represented except Sandwich. It was reported David and Margaret Douglas were stranded somewhere in the mid-west. 19 members were present. A warm welcome was extended Virginia Towle, Chairman of N.E.Y.M. Ministry and Counsel.

Virginia reported as that George Bliss who visited at our last session had had a heart attack recently, and Calvin Smith further reported hope had been awarded improvement in George's health.

The concern that Howard Macy's witness to be recorded as a minister in the Society of Friends, consisted a minute recommending that Ministry and Counsel recommend their approval of Howard. Macy as a recorded minister to the

Quarterly Meeting that afternoon. This was readily approved.

A nominating Committee to name Clerk and Recording Clerk was appointed. Donald Hackett, Dorothy Williamson, Ruth Howland. Approved.

Calep Smith reported the Permanent Board had not yet discussed the disposal of the Susan B. Kirby fund but still had it on the agenda.

Concerns about scheduling of early morning worships, communications, summer Yearly Meeting problems, worship-shares, and similar matters, all having to do with Yearly Meeting were discussed after brief reports of the 1970 sessions. Various recommendations were proposed to go to the Program Committee, Christian Education Committee and Permanent Board.

Virginia Foote spoke at length of the work of Ministry and Counsel and its various committees and their workshops at Yearly Meeting. She spoke of the continuing and increasing interest in the family relationships Committee, concerned with marriage and the need to minister to widowed and divorced. There is a concern to find more appropriate written material to use as guidelines to be inserted in a date file in Earlham and Pendle Hill — and to send for all monthly meetings to recommend their Committees to clearness in marriage.

Doris Hockey spoke of possibility of local Quarterly retreats but no interest was shown

Dorothy Williamson Spurr ... Swansea Meeting's Bicentennial plans and asked for material about Patience Brayton, a Swansea Friend of the 1700's.

It was reported that Hipponegansett Meeting House, under the care of Dartmouth Meeting, will be open every Sunday in July and August for meeting for worship at 3 p.m.

There being no further business the Meeting adjourned with a Sentence, purposing to meet October ... 1975 at Smith Neck

Doris A. Ashley
Recording Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Ministry & Counsel
Smith Neck Meeting - October 18, 1975

Frances Howland, clerk, opened the meeting for worship by reading on Isolationism found in London Yearly Meeting Christian Faith and Practice.

Representatives were present from all Meetings except Swansea, 26 members in all. Also warmly welcomed were Louis Marstaller, Virginia Towle, and Andrew Grannell.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Donald McLeod reported the nominating committee had not yet met, but would meet at lunch and bring in recommendations. David Douglas proposed that Quarterly Meeting be empowered to act for Ministry and Counsel with regard to the appointing of Clerk and Recording Clerk when the nominations were presented. This was approved.

Margaret Douglas reported there would be a

worship-sharing retreat on Simplicity at So. Yarmouth Meeting Nov. 1 from 9:30 thru supper.

Caleb Smith reported the illness of Helen Ashley of N.B. meeting and the death of Bessie Martin, former Treasurer of New Bedford Meeting.

Virginia Towle, chairman of N.E.Y.M. Ministry and Counsel spoke of the work of the various committees and workshops, mentioning two weekend conferences scheduled for November.

Margaret Douglas asked help in finding suitable books for Sandwich Monthly Meeting to give couples asking to be married.

Caleb spoke of a weekend work ~~party~~ shop March 13. in Hartford on marriage.

Some discussion was held about the possibility of workshops at the local level of the Quarter, and possible subjects for them. Margaret & David Douglas and Doris Ashley volunteered to bring in some thoughts on workshops to the January Meeting.

Frances Howland spoke of the recurring concern of apathy and suggested it, too, as a subject of a round-table discussion. Mike Carter offered his "revitalization packet" to any meeting that would like one. Andy has resource lists for meetings desiring them. Some ways to combat apathy were suggested, but it was agreed further time and place should be set aside to discuss this subject at length.

There being no further business, the meeting

adjourned after a brief period of worship, purposing to meet ~~October~~ January 17, 1976 at Marion Meeting.

Doris H. Ashley
Recording Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel
Marion - January 17, 1976

Co-Clerks Doris Ashley and Michael Carter presided.

Minutes were approved with corrections. Representatives were present from all but Dartmouth, 21 in all including Louis Marstaller from the Yearly Meeting.

Under items forward, preparation for a possible workshop on "apathy" has not developed due to press of time and limitations of the subject itself. It was suggested we look toward a more positive challenge of finding the spark in all, not holding ourselves apart as an elite group out of touch with the world. After good discussion we decided to try to hold a workshop for the whole Quarterly area on Saturday, March 6, the subject to be "Outreach". A committee to set this up will meet at Caleb and Jeannette Smith's home, those named being Michael Carter, Doris Ashley, and David and Margaret Douglas.

A State of Society report for the Quarterly Meeting needs to be prepared by the end of March. Present and prior clerks of the Quarterly Meeting will prepare same.

Special concern was expressed for the condition of Harry Allen who is presently in the Nichols Nursing Home in Farmington.

Minutes of the day were approved.

David W. Douglas
Recording Clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Ministry + Counsel
Swansea, April 17, 1976

Co-Clerks Michael Carter and Doris Ashley opened the meeting, the former sharing a quotation on selfless love. Minutes were reread, covering the last meeting, concern arising again on Harry Allen's condition.

Report was brought in on the March 6 Workshop on outreach entitled "Will the Kingdom come If It Is Up to Us?" Much deep searching went on in the sessions, where we looked at the role of our Meetings in the morning followed by a work time in the afternoon on actual outreach possibilities. Hope was expressed today that future workshops on particular themes might be tried as a help to the Quarterly gatherings. We projected a probable workshop on "Family" for the July 17 Quarterly Meeting. Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel has materials about to be distributed which contain useful questions and queries on the subject. A next session of our Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel is set now for 7:30 P.M on June 14, a Monday, at New Bedford Meetinghouse with special emphasis on planning for this workshop at the regular July Quarterly Meeting.

The Agricultural committee indicated briefly that this year's plans are well under way with good financial support and considerable publicity, including TV and radio. Meetings will be asked to develop garden projects if they have the interest.

A report about Walpole Prison by Bert Bigelow opened our awareness of the terrible conditions there with serious behavior modification being practiced on the prisoners. We have been asked whether we might undertake creation of a Quaker meeting for worship in the facility on a weekly basis. (A rotation of 6 including some persons nearer the Prison would likely be required;

Boston area Friends would certainly be needed long range with their physical and spiritual undergirding to set up any practical schedule of Friends to attend. R.I./Smithfield and Framingham meetings might well want to be involved. We expressed support for Bert Bigelow to proceed with initial steps.

Quarterly Meeting State of Society report was offered in rough draft. Much useful rewording and restructuring was suggested and the report when finally reedited today by the original drafting committee was left to be forwarded by them to the general session of Quarterly Meeting this afternoon.

Minutes of the day were approved, following which we closed purposing to meet June 14 at 7:30 P.M. in New Bedford.

David W. Douglas, recording clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting - New Bedford - June 14, 1976

Following an opening period of worship Minutes of the last meeting were re-read to refresh our memories.

In the matter of the Harden project seeds have been distributed to go with land which has been provided free in several instances. Meetings had not reported much progress to now, though today indications from 4 Meetings were favorables.

Jeannette Smith shared her experiences of a recent prison visit to 4 facilities along with the League of Women Voters. She noted severe lack of programs for the prisoners, due in good part to poor funding, and commented on the disappointment expressed both by prisoners and officials about current suspension of the furlough program pending a new look by the legislature.

David Douglas read a suggested letter of concern about outreach for consideration here and if it was felt warranted to Quarterly Meeting and in turn the Yearly Meeting. It was approved that the

letter go to Quarterly Meeting next gathering at New Bedford July 17.

We considered together a projected workshop on "Family" for the July Quarterly session. Does what the Discipline says have any bearing on how people really do carry out their family relationships? Structure was suggested with one person leading off in support of and one in opposition to particular sections of material distributed by Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel working party on "Family". Following exploration of this idea and possible titles we decided on an opening dialogue in the hands of the co-Clerks, then breaking up into small groups with leadership by members of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel.

Friends from Sandwich Monthly Meeting reported that they have developed a card form outlining the essential purposes of a "memorial" service for deceased Friends to have available for non-Friend attenders.

Minutes of the day were approved and we closed purposing to meet next on Quarterly Meeting day in October.

David W. Douglas, recording clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Ministry & Counsel at Sandwich 10/16/76

Frances Howland, acting as Clerk for the day in the necessary absence of co-clerks Doris Ashley and Michael Carter, opened with Queries 1 and 2 for Ministry and Counsel. A brief period of worship followed.

The roll revealed members present from Allen's Neck, N. Bedford, Mattapoisett, Sandwich, Westport, Swansea, and Marion. Guests: Louis Marsteller, Grace Bly, and Eileen Pettingill (of Western Yearly Meeting). Minutes were read.

A moving memorial to Corwin Parsiko of Sandwich Monthly Meeting was read. Since he was a widely known Friend the memorial will

be shared with the general Quarterly Meeting today, to be sent on to Yearly Meeting if that is their will.

Report from the Agriculture Committee reflected fruitful efforts by Allen's Neck, Mattapoisett (where land was offered for use by others, also) West Falmouth, Marion, New Bedford, and Swansea. The last gave up hiring a vacation replacement for their pastor and instead held unprogrammed worship, using the money thus saved for AFSC hunger projects. Production and involvement generally were good for this second year and the gardens proved a worthwhile extension of Meeting service and outreach.

A Nominating Committee was named to report in January: Dorothy Williamson, Karl Erickson, and Margaret Douglas.

Report of a Family Workshop our Quarter held during July Quarterly sessions was spoken to favorably by several Friends. We considered calling another gathering next spring, but saw our role more as stirring our Monthly Meetings to act themselves on this important subject. We should ask all Monthly Meetings in the Quarter to study it and report by January what they may have accomplished. We could still call a workshop later if needed.

A concern was brought by Sylvia Bigelow on Capital Punishment. Marion Monthly Meeting is publishing widely in the news media a letter against the Death Penalty. We approved that this letter carry the endorsement of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel in session 10/16/1976. A suggestion was offered that Marion may wish to publish the letter also in the various Friends magazines.

The concern for Outreach which came earlier from Sandwich Monthly Meeting and through us was well received at the Yearly Meeting level in August. A special sub-committee of Y.M. Ministry and Counsel was named especially for Advancement. Several Meetings today shared actions they have taken: Dwight Wilson of Friends General Conference spoke recently on outreach at a public

meeting in West Falmouth; the Sandwich Bi-centennial play was done again with a new and mostly local cast at New Bedford; Long Plain Meeting was opened for worship 2 months this fall on an unprogrammed basis; Westport had a public lecture series on the mid-East; and Swansea continues to educate its community through Bi-centennial activities about Friends' perspectives.

We close, purposing to meet next at Mattapoisett First month 15, having approved these minutes

David W. Douglas, recording clerk.

1977 A brief spiritual reading by co-clerk Doris Ashley opened the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel session at Allen's Neck Meetinghouse fourth month 16, 1977.

Representatives were reported present from Allen's Neck, New Bedford, Smith's Neck, Marion, Westport and Sandwich, none being here from Swansea.

A letter was shared from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting (Smith Neck) noting their request for Wallen Bean to be named as a Recorded Friends Minister. Karl Erickson, Jeannette Smith and Michael Carter were named as a committee to check this and will seek a time with Wallen Bean.

Minutes of tenth month 16 were read, no intervening meeting being held in first month due to a very bad snowstorm the appointed day.

The Nominating Committee reported forward their recommendation that the same clerks carry on another year. While some hesitation was expressed by the co clerks about the acceptibility of their service due to time lack, they were prevailed upon to continue.

Laban Masimba, a young African Friend presently living in Worcester with the Gramalls, has need for employment. Friends today suggest he might approach New England Friends Home for short range useful work. Hope was expressed that longer range he return to Kenya to use his education and general talents in assisting his own people.

A Workshop on overcoming Self Defeating Behavior was discussed, to take advantage of Michael Carter's and Doris Ashley's recent exposures to training in its ideas. It was mentioned that R.I. - Smithfield Quarter might be tied in. Sylvia Bigelow expressed interest and with Michael Carter and Doris Ashley will look into setting up such; Andy Gramall will be asked especially to give extra leadership, since he has worked closely with Miriam Burke of Earlham College who developed the concept and has lectured extensively on it.

Clerk read an outline of Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel State of Society Report structure and we drew into two groups to work on some today, dividing the seven queries listed as a framework. The two groups reported back and a coherent report will be put together by a small committee from these notes over the noon period.

We close purposing to meet next at Westport seventh month 16. Minutes were approved.

David W Douglas, recording clerk

Co clerks Doris Ashley and Michael Carter presiding, the latter reading from Ministry and Counsel Queries to lead off standwork for Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel seventh month 16, 1977. Minutes read and approved.

It was recommended and approved that Walter Bean of Smithfield Meeting

Meeting be recorded as a minister in the Society of Friends. He is a member at Smith Neck Meeting.

It is planned to have a Workshop on Self-Defeating Behavior in the fall per committee appointed to discuss this topic and make plans. Michael Carter and Doris Ashley attended a Workshop on this subject at Powell House and will lead a mini-workshop today 11-12.

Virginia Towle expressed interest in a mid-week meeting. It was agreed to have a weekly gathering to discuss mutual concerns beginning Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 PM at Westport Meetinghouse or Community Hall. Virginia will be convenor.

On the subject of self-defeating Behavior several items of concern were outlined: 1. Quality of worship; 2 Lack of warmth and Friendliness; 3 Need to reinforce old Friend structures; 4 Lack of Leadership; 5 The Meeting is only a part of the individual's life; 6 Lack of witnessing. Concerning Format of Worship these questions arise: What problems would we like to eliminate? Why do we have the problem - positive and negative reasons involved; choice - do we keep or eliminate the problem; what is the risk and what are the consequences of eliminating the problem? We broke into two groups after preliminary introduction of the subject and at the end had a sharing of ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM.

, recording clerk for the day

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened 10/15/77 with worship and queries read and minutes were approved. Representatives reported from all but Marion and Wattapoisett. Visitors included Louis and Clarabel Marstaller of the Yearly Meeting staff and Ruth Heath of North Dartmouth.

Doris Ashley reported on the mid-week ~~meetings~~ held at Westport last summer. Attenders came from Mattapoisett, Marion, N. Dartmouth, Westport, Allen's Neck and Smith Neck. From 3 to 16 attended the sessions which began with worship followed by worship sharing and discussion. It appeared to be a valid experience with continuation depending on Friends' desires and probably a different location. Concern was expressed about extra energy use in winter in terms of travel and ~~b~~ heating of a meetinghouse, about need for less structured format, and about need felt by some "programmed" Friends to have block of silence. Suggestion was made that mid week meetings be set for some six weeks at 7:30 in the Smith's home in New Bedford, the first three of which dates would be Tues 10/25, Wednesday 11/2, and Thursday 11/10.

Michael Carter said planning is going forward for the workshop on Self-defeating Behavior, though dates are not settled. His first free weekend in January 14th and 15th. It might be good to involve Young Friends in Sandwich Quarterly. Location would depend on whether a one day workshop or an overnight is held. W. Falmouth Quaker Home is a possibility and the co-clerks will work out a plan for approval.

Announcement was made of an Aging Conference coming up October 28, 29, 30 at Westport and Smith Neck meetinghouses. Support of area Friends is much desired as it should measurably deepen our awareness of the needs of older persons. As outlined there will be overnight hospitality and breakfast in local Friends' homes, potluck at Westport Friday with an evening program, on Saturday a program at Smith Neck and a catered dinner, and visitation Sunday in local area meetings.

Coming activities of Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel were outlined and mention made of plans of a search committee

seeking a new headmaster at Moses Brown School.

Queries read at the opening of today's session became the basis for a discussion, as seven questions were handed out to three groups of seven each. Centrally we considered whether we were truly Friends and witness to our testimonies or were more of an amalgam of general Protestant faiths. When we came back together feelings were expressed reflecting uneasiness especially whether we live simply enough and radically commit ourselves to live as Christ did. The questions made us uncomfortable with where we each presently stand and we recognized that all need to live as ministers.

Next Quarterly Meeting is planned for January 21 at Marion, third one in Swansea and July in New Bedford.

Jan 21 Meeting with other Friends cancelled due to major snowstorm 1978

Adjourned at 12:30

Ruth Heath, recording for the day
Wendi Wonglow, recording clerk (after present)

On a crisp Springy morning Freinds gathered for Sandwich Qtrly. Mtg. Ministry and Counsel at Swansea Meetinghouse, on fourth month 15 at 11 o'clock. That is those who found their way to Somerset gathered! The others came with good humor a bit later. Meanwhile, in the absence of the clerks of Ministry and Counsel, we settled in silence to share our feeling about the state of our Quarter. The general feeling was that those who attend find fellowship and inspiration, but too few attend. Ours is not a time when things of the Spirit have precedence - or so it seems. Later these thoughts were shared with the latecomers, and it was agreed they would serve as the State of Society report.

In the absence of the Clerks at opening time Caleb Smith

acted as Clerk and called the roll. Guests were Virginia Towle and Ruth Heath, member of Wilmington (Ohio) Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk reported David Douglas' account of the day Conference in Framingham on the Nature of Ministry, saying a number of Friends spoke helpfully, and that it was well attended, though not quite up to the attendance at the recent wedding of George Selleck and Daisy Newman. Those gathered at Framingham found it a helpful experience.

Mike Carter and Doris Ashley would like to be relieved of their responsibilities on Ministry and Counsel due to other pressures. Jean Kennison, Sylvia Bigelow, and Don McLeod were named a Nominating Committee. Ministry and Counsel deals with spiritual problems and personality conflicts and works for harmony among members, Mike said. He said the program planned for today dealt with the subject of relationships and was called "To Press or not to Press - that is the Value". The text was from Matthew 7:1-7, about judging others. We are all Friends but we have different beliefs and different forms of worship. We have Christ's life and teaching to guide us.

Mike said he had sent out a letter soliciting Young Friends' Statistical Profiles and hoped to set up a mailing list so Young Friends could work with Ministry and Counsel. Age group is 14 to 25. Purpose is to encourage them to become more involved with Friends' principles and testimonies, which he felt was perhaps the most important way to nurture their spiritual growth. He asked that we encourage Clerks to return the letter questions. So far there is follow up from 3 Meetings.

Ruth Heath, Recording Clerk for the Day.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel in session seventh month 15 at New Bedford 10:30.

Representatives reported present from all but Swansea. Visitors Jim Fothergill, recently retired from New York Yearly Meeting as staff, and Louis Marstaller. Minutes were read and approved as recorded fourth month by Ruth Heath.

Those minutes mention a nominating committee to replace the co-clerks for the next two meetings to complete the year. Doris Ashley agreed to continue as a co-clerk if ever Lunch the nominating committee would bring in another name to replace Mike Carter.

A State of Society Report as compiled at the last meeting by Jeannette Smith was earlier forwarded to Yearly Meeting, to Clarabel Marstaller and to Clerk of Ministry and Counsel. That report was shared today by Frances Howland. Friends then thought on ways to find enrichment in our times together rather than treating them as matters of obligation. What are we going to be, not what are we going to do, was asked by Clerk Doris Ashley. To be patterns leads us to be that daily was indicated by one Friend.

Jean Kennison, clerk of Yrly. Mtg. Ministry and Counsel, suggested more Worship Sharing leaders are needed at the upcoming Yearly Meeting sessions. She elaborated a bit on requirements for acting as such a facilitator.

Yearly Meeting plans generally were spoken to by Caleb Smith, outgoing clerk of that body. George Selleck will be speaking on New England Roots, Elmer Brown will cover the Bible half hours, T. Canby Jones will be an evening speaker

on the New Call to Peacemaking, and Miriam Jones Brown will make an address.

Question was laid on us as to the amount of programming we should put into our Quarterly gatherings, or whether spirit leading us was enough. Ralph Greene read on and spoke to outreach and the matter of the vitality of our witness as Quakers to the world around us. He spoke of Mormons and their type of commitment in teams. Quakers may be too private and unwilling to share what they have. Others spoke to problems for Friends in the matter of evangelism. Feelings for each other and commitment to each other may have to be addressed in our meetings as a first step. Can we wear our religion on our shoulder and talk about it? Bible study may be some bridge. Dan McLeod wondered if our Quarterly Arrangements committee could become more of a study group among a wider representative number of Friends; we could share common concerns. Doris Ashley mentioned needing to know each other more closely, getting together more regularly. More time is needed for listening and moving more deeply in our conversations. Another spoke on quality being more important than quantity. Louis Wardallers expressed himself on the Outreach concern as the Yearly Meeting has addressed itself to it in the past couple of years. Once we have learned from each other by sharing local experiences, we should be able to speak to the community with a more considered voice. Lecture series, social events, & panels can be good outreach also.

While we came to no conclusions on the above, today was seen as a useful sharing.

Minutes were approved and we recessed purposing to meet briefly

after lunch today then eventually 10th month 21 at Sandwich. After recess Caleb Smith was approved as co-clerk, to serve along with Doris Ashley through the next two meetings

David W. Douglas, recording clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel in session 10th month 21, 1978, at Sandwich Meetinghouse. Minutes were read, in review.

Margaret Douglas reported concerning ties with Nantucket worship groups. Six Friends from Sandwich Monthly Meeting went over to Nantucket at their invitation, staying overnight and offering themselves as resources for the informal gathering there. Nantucket was lost in Rhode Island Quarter when it stopped being a Monthly Meeting and responsibility now as to which Quarter will help if they seek to reestablish a Meeting in the near future may need exploration. Some discussion of options for Nantucket took place when Friends visited 10/14-15. Susan Kirby Fund moneys were assured by Caleb Smith, as a co-clerk of Ministry and Counsel, for these traveling Friends.

Outreach/Advancement activities of Yearly Meeting were reported as being carried on now by a Working Party under Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, which designation then allows for non Friends to serve together with Quaker members. Some 12-15 persons are actively pursuing this concern and we should be hearing more soon. Louise McManus reported on an opportunity she and Gregg Hibbs had with Salem Quarterly Meeting last weekend. These two Friends from our Sandwich Quarter have been in touch with other Yearly Meetings and abroad to know their activities in the outreach/inreach field. George Gorman of England has written a booklet "Introducing Quakers" which

is offered free to inquirers there. This and a vigorous advertising campaign and small gatherings for seekers has brought in good response in terms of membership and spiritual growth within meetings. Our own Yearly Meeting Working Party is gathering suitable materials and methods for Advancement and expects to develop a full program over a period of time. Ralph Greene spoke of a study series which Jim Toothaker had developed for Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. Such gatherings, for new Friends or Quakers are about could be set up in other places, often with local or area resources. The Clerk spoke of a series now in process in the Boston area, at Beacon Hill Friends House, on Quaker practices and beliefs. Jim Toothaker was suggested as at least one Sandwich Quarter resource, though encouragement was given for each of the Monthly Meetings to develop programming of their own seekers days or activities. Our Quarterly Meeting could at a future time set up its own committee to think on likely programs for seekers.

Representation for today was reported from all meetings of the Quarter except Swansea

Sandwich Quarter is an historic area in the United States and perhaps something could be done to use that potential, built around that history. What Friends stood for earlier and how they carried out their faith could be lessons for the present.

The Arrangements Committee of our Quarter was asked to continue to structure programs for the next year and regularly announce same.

We closed, purposing to meet next at Mattapoisett 1st month, 20. Minutes were read and approved

David W. Douglas, recording clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel in session first month 20 at Mattapoisett Meetinghouse. Minutes were reread for information.

The Meeting opened with Caleb Smith, clerk, speaking to the minutes in the matter of outreach, updating us on the progress of the Outreach Party under N. E. Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel. Also arising out of our minutes, we discussed the Nantucket worship group and movement toward more formal structuring of their efforts; little action has come to our attention and it is now for them to take any next step.

We were notified of a change of meeting place for Marion Meeting in the winter to Wickenden Chapel on Spring Street, at Tabor Academy.

North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has requested transfer out of R.I./Smithfield Quarter into Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, feeling that among other things their geography would better place them with us. We looked a little at the history of their being located with R.I./Smithfield. The sense of our gathering this morning was most favorable and we shall report forward a recommendation to this effect to the general business session later today, perhaps in this manner: We warmly welcome North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting into Sandwich Quarter and will note for them, R.I./Smithfield Quarter and the Yearly Meeting, the transfer to take place following the next Yearly Meeting session.

Ralph Greene brought word that the Mennonites expected to be with us today to speak on programs they have for youth as creative alternatives to military vocations were unable to be present.

A Prayer Meeting for Christian Unity (of the Spirit) on Wednesday January 24 at New Bedford was announced. We discussed various types of prayer and ecumenical gatherings Friends have experienced in their local areas.

Marion Monthly Meeting has forwarded to us a copy of an

Epistle they are sending to Yearly Meeting Program Committee suggesting a 24 hour Day of Silence and Worship at their summer's sessions, including all who wish to share. "On a Day of Silence at Yearly Meeting we would, joined to the Lord and to one another seek an Ocean of love and light, - waiting in the Spirit." The mechanics and structuring were considered, some concern being expressed about any sizeable portion of attenders having to be out of the mainspring of ongoing Yearly Meeting activities for any whole day. Part day involvement by some individuals in the "Day of Silence" is envisioned. Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Spiritual Life sub committee or Working Party has a meeting tomorrow and we suggest this be channeled through them and the Yearly Meeting Program Committee. The whole question of time allowed for silent worship was considered.

Louis Marstaller expressed concern about our over-busyness at Yearly Meeting and several spoke to their perceived need for more worshipful attitudes in connection with the workshop periods. Also, the total programming of Yearly Meeting was discussed, with a hope that more open or quiet time could be allowed in the middle portion of the day. Friends have a natural tendency to fill all open time, which puts to the test whatever structure is set up by the Program Committee.

The place of Ministry and Counsel among Friends was discussed. It has evolved to where now we no longer have the select groups of the past but a more democratic body. At the Yearly Meeting level the change has been away from an annual gathering over to a broadly representative group who actively carry on business throughout the year. At the Quarterly Meeting level there are to be named representatives from the Monthly Meetings and in some instances it is expected that there be ongoing functioning by some of these people between their regular dates. We noted the spread of sharing at all levels of Friends in the committee and meeting structures, with more rapid rotation of ministries.

All meetings present except Swansea. Minutes were approved. David Douglas, recording clerk

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in session fourth month 21 at Allen's Neck. Minutes of last meeting were reviewed.

Caleb Smith, clerk, spoke of the Outreach Working Party gathering at West Falmouth next weekend, commencing Friday PM around the subject "The Spiritual Challenge of the 80's". That Outreach group to date has included many young and/or inexperienced members or attenders. It is hoped Friends generally will be supportive as they try to chart a useful course in inreach/outreach for the New England area.

Also announced, the Spiritual Life Working Party of New England Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel, with approval of Yearly Meeting Program Committee, will be able to call a workshop on "Silence" at Yearly Meeting sessions coming up, the workshop centering on a quiet time within a special day of silence.

Michael Carter is in Hartford today speaking on service opportunities or alternatives for young people. This accords with our Quarter's earlier expressed concern. There will be a searching to see whether the Yearly Meeting may be able to set up a support program or plan for some of our New England Quaker youth to serve social goals.

Doris Ashley is not comfortable to head arrangements for that Quarter, and while this decision is for the Quarterly Meeting for business to handle, we nevertheless should be concerned with our own program needs.

A listening and Worship retreat was announced for May 18-20 at Camp Aldersgate in Rhode Island, with Yearly Meeting and Providence Meeting jointly responsible.

Mary Sullivan asked whether we could help Monthly Meetings to develop ways for their children to learn their Quaker roots. Could we enable a person or group to provide resources following it the family life concern. Can we help with baby sitting and with youth program-

ming at Quarterly Meeting times? Our meetings with active youth programs could be a nucleus to help other meetings. How can we help Quakers raise their children after the manner of Friends? We minuted concern and pass on to the afternoon Quarterly Meeting business session a request that they think on ways to bring our younger members and families into the mainstream of Quarterly Meeting life.

It was suggested that over lunch a committee develop a "Spiritual Condition" report for the Quarter. Margaret Douglas was named convener, along with Jeannette Smith, Mary Sullivan, and Karl Erickson. Ideas for inclusion: programming breakdown; while we worry about effectiveness overall of the Quarter, still those faithful few who do carry on feel a bond with each other and strength from the sharing - the problem is to broaden the active group and excite others to join in.

Caleb Smith and David Douglas were asked to serve as clerk and recording clerk respectively through tenth month of 1979. A nominating committee was named to bring in names for 1980 officers by the October meeting: Jean Kennison, Doris Ashley, Francis Howland, and Dorothea LeBarow.

Minutes were approved subject to minor editing.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel in session tenth month 20, 1979, at Allen's Neck, a last minute change of location occasioned by Smith Neck Meetinghouse being unavailable this particular day. All Meetings were represented except Swansea. No meeting was held seventh month by Ministry and Counsel.

The nominating committee has met but only Dorothea Le Baron was in attendance today. Joan Kennison, who has the list was unable to be here and action is put over to later.

The Quarterly Meeting has picked up and is following this afternoon part of our concern about youth with a panel and speaker on draft counseling. Forward from our last meeting also, we hear that the Yearly Meeting workshop on "Silence" was useful.

Function of Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel bodies in small meetings has been discussed privately between Caleb Smith and Doris Ashley. Caleb read Section 3 of New England discipline, pages 232-5, in this regard, reminding us of the general make up and procedures of Ministry and Counsel. Margaret Bonfoey spoke to the usefulness of being called to look at these guidelines periodically. Mary Sullivan suggested that at Yearly Meeting she became especially conscious of needs of isolated meetings and Friends. Visitation and help meeting to meeting and person to person beyond our own meeting borders seems called for. Caleb Smith spoke to role the Quarterly Meeting for instance might play at Spring Street meetinghouse in New Bedford. As their number has declined they could well have used help from outside. Recently they have themselves sought by personal invitation to individuals and families to augment their numbers, plus programming a visit by Esther and Paul

Nominating Committee Report

10th mo. 21st 1979

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends

Co-clerks Sylvia and Bert Bigelow

Rec. Clerk Marjorie Robinson

Treas. Russell Cornell

Ministry & Counsel

Rec. Clerk Mary Sullivan

Louis Ashley will act as Clerk for the time being.

Gathering of Friends General Conference. Question rose as to population shifts and necessity to lay down at some point certain meetings. Separate Preparative Meetings within that Monthly Meeting now have separate Ministry and Counsel groups and it might be helpful for New Bedford especially if these were combined. Disciplinic suggestion on representatives reporting back from Quarterly Meeting to the local level also might help meetings in New Bedford's circumstances. We have not been consistently observing the appointment process for attendance at Quarterly Meeting sessions. North Dartmouth has used the Meeting as a whole to care for its Ministry and Counsel duties, as do apparently several other of our small meetings. David Douglas spoke to the importance of looking particularly to Ministry and Counsel as the center of the life of a meeting. An effective and loyal Ministry and Counsel is a prime goal, however their meeting times are structured, recognizing that smaller meetings may have trouble setting up a separate body. Because of the sensitive nature of some of its work the make up of a Ministry and Counsel calls for thoughtful choice of persons to serve on it. Pastoral meetings should find their Ministry and Counsels every bit as vital as unprogrammed ones. Others expressed concerns, reflecting broad need for knowing how to function productively as the body most responsible for spiritual condition of our meetings.

Looking ahead to next session, we planned to agenda our time so as to continue today's discussion of local Ministry and Counsels' role.

Near close of the session Francis Hovland brought in the nominating committee's report: Doris Ashley, clerk and Mary Sullivan, recording clerk. Approved.

Minutes were read and approved.

David W Douglas, recording clerk

1980 Sandwich Quaterly Meeting of Ministry and Counal, in session , 1st month 19, 1980 at Smith Neck Meeting House

Doris Astley, Clerk, opened the meeting for worship with a reading from Christian Faith and Practice of London Yearly Meeting about the 'leading of the Spirit'. Twenty-[illegible] members were present, representing Allen's Neck, Smith Neck, Marion, New Bedford, Mattapoisett, North Dartmouth, Sandwich and Westport Meetings. Friends noted with regret the absence of representation from Swansea Meeting. Don Stanley, new pastor at Smith Neck and Tricia Silvia, recently appointed Executive Secretary at Allen's Neck, were recognized and warmly welcomed by the Clerk.

Minutes of the October 1979 meeting of Ministry and Counsel were read and approved with no revisions. Sincere appreciation was extended by all to David Douglas for his accurate and faithful service to Ministry and Counsel as our Recording Clerk these past three (3) years (from 1976 through 1979). Appreciation was also extended to Smith Neck friends for their generous hospitality and warm welcome.

Doris announced that Doug Cox,

Clerk of Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel had forwarded a letter regarding the State of Society report(s) for 1979. In keeping with the directive from Yearly Meeting, Monthly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Clerks are reminded to send one copy of their Spiritual Condition reports to the Yearly Meeting Office, one to the Clerk of Yearly Meeting Ministry and Counsel and one to the Clerk of the Quarter. Rather than make a summary of Monthly Meeting reports on Spiritual Condition, the Quarter is to write a report on the spiritual condition of Quarterly Meeting. Several Friends stated that their own Meetings were in the process of or had already completed their State of Society reports, but no action was taken on the Quarter's State of Society report.

There being no old business, and no further new business, the Clerk proceeded with an introduction of the morning's program. The program entailed discussion of three (3) major queries. They were:

(1) Do Monthly Meetings need Ministry and Counsel Committees, and if so, why?

(2) Outside of the guidelines set forth in the Discipline of Faith and Practice, what do we expect of Ministry and Counsel, (if anything)?

(3) Would it make any difference to our monthly meetings if Ministry and Counsel Committee were not a part of our structure as a religious Body?

Friends divided into three groups to discuss these queries and following an hour of open sharing and lively discussion, we re-joined as a body in a plenary session.

Members present were somewhat divided as to the need, especially in small meetings for Ministry and Counsel Committee, though the majority (of us) seemed to respond affirmatively to the need for Ministry and Counsel. Those who did feel that Ministry and Counsel Committee serve an important function in monthly meetings cited some of the following functions it can/should serve: taking special concern for the Spiritual Condition of the meeting and its members; Visitation, overseeing Christian Education for meeting children and adults, providing clearness on marriage, et cetera. Several Friends spoke to the strength that Ministry and Counsel, as a small body can lend to a meeting regardless of size and outside of the guidelines in Faith and Practice, many

seemed to think that Ministry and Counsels should foster the sense of community and family within our respective meetings.

There was some ambivalence as to how well Ministry and Counsel has served our meetings in the Quarter in the past; but a general feeling was also expressed by many present, that "as problems increase, we are going to need Committees on Ministry and Counsel more and more in the future of this increasingly complex world of ours". The Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel was thought to be especially important to those whose meetings need the loving care and guidance of a larger community of Friends. The minutes taken in this discussion will be distributed to all members.

The January meeting of Ministry and Counsel, permeated with a warm and helpful spirit of working together to strengthen our own Meetings and the Quarter both, closed with a period of worship, following which we adjourned, purposing to meet 4th month next at Swansea, God willing.

Mary Sullivan, Recording Clerk

MINUTES OF DISCUSSSION
SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING OF MINISTRY & COUNSEL
JANUARY 19, 1980

Query 1. Do Monthly Meetings need Ministry and Counsel Committees? If so, why?

Responses: Nearly all present (approximately 30) said "yes"**Some feeling was expressed that "within a Meeting with a small membership,e.g. under 40, a Ministry & Counsel Cmte. might not be necessary". One attender said, "yes, if the Meeting perceives the need for one". Those who said "yes", cited the following reasons:

To... -take special concern for the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting
-provide and/or oversee Christian/Quaker education for all Meeting members, children and adults alike
-oversee the quality of worship and to provide guidance and clearness for marraiges, memorial services and issues relating to membership
-provide an undergirding to all other committees of the Meeting
-prepare the State of Society report for subsequent approval of the Meeting
-take an active role in inreach and visitation

To... -guide and nurture
-keep tenderness of heart in meeting and see that we are acting 'after the manner of Friends'
-counsel people in trouble, by helping them sort out choices and options
-be concerned about people who 'stray away' by creating opportunities for them to be a part of the Meeting
-be aware of all committee work, but don't meddle... be supportive and sensitive
-support pastors/executive secretaries and/or Meeting Clerk so that his/her job can be more than just secretarial or administrative
-check on details of First Day Greeters, sitting on the facing bench and 'breaking Meeting'
-continually create Meeting's onw 'clearness'

Query 2. Outside of the guidelines set forth in the discipline of Faith and Practice, what do we expect of Ministry and Counsel, if anything?

Responses: Several Friends noted that this query was in part, answered in the discussion of Query 1 above. Other responses included:

- Follow the guidelines in Faith and Practice
- Use Queries for additional guidance
-Expect members to grow spiritually and to aid that,
-Inquire as to the spiritual journeys of those in the Meeting

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** Two people felt that their Meetings were so small that a separate Ministry & Counsel could become such a 'guiding light' that the 'light' of others could be eclipsed. They felt their need to be to take time at Monthly Meeting to discuss all concerns.

Query 2, cont'd.

All the members in one discussion group seemed to agree that members of Ministry & Counsel should feel it laid upon them to provide an atmosphere of caring in the Meeting, rather than one of "eldering"-an ambience by setting an example of accepting people's differences which keeps small problems from being blown up into schisms and ill-feeling. This group felt that every Meeting could use several people like Ruth Hague of Wellesley Meeting, who shows personal concern for each member-remembering the person's problems and being grateful for his or her gifts.

Outside of the guidelines from Faith and Practice, several of those in attendance for this session felt that Ministry & Counsel "needs to realize that the Meeting should present a climate of community to the community, so that the Meeting is revealed as something more than just a social club."

Query 3. Would it make any difference to our Monthly Meetings if Ministry & Counsel Committees were not a part of our structure as a religious body?

Responses: This is a test of Ministry & Counsel's effectiveness! Probably, if it were dropped for one or two meetings, it wouldn't be noticed! But, in the long run, a Meeting does need a Ministry & Counsel Committee to: guide the Meeting in times of stress, to take care of excess fervor and to consistently nurture the spiritual life of the Meeting & its members.

There was some ambivalence as to how well Ministry and Counsel has served in the past; but, there was also a decided feeling that as the problems in society increase, Meetings are going to need the oversight of their Ministry & Counsel Committees more and more. Quarterly Mtg. of Ministry & Counsel was felt to be especially important as it exemplifies the caring of a larger community of Friends.

General Comments: NURTURE, SENISTIVENESS, PATIENCE and CLEARNESS were words frequently used in each of the discussion groups.

It was also recommended that someone from Ministry and Counsel should sit on the Meeting's Nominating Committee.

There was considerable feeling among those present that Ministry & Counsel members should be aware of and responsive to-their exemplary role in the life of others, especially young, new and unexperienced Friends.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sullivan, Recording Clerk

Sandwich Quaterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, in session, 4th month, 19, 1980 at Swansea.

Sandwich Quaterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel opened April 19, 1980 with worship and queries. Minutes were read and approved as recorded first month with no revisions. Representatives reported present from all meetings. Following Roll-Call, Clerk Doris Ashley spoke to the profound loss of Caleb Smith and discussed briefly what impact his death would have for Spring St. meeting (in New Bedford). Following Doris, several Friends spoke to this great loss as well. The Clerk then opened the floor for discussion as to how the Quarter might be of help to Spring St. Friends in lightening their heavy burden. Ruth Heath suggested that it might be suitable for the Quarter to let Jeannette (Smith) know that we stand ready to help her and in particular, her Mtg. in any way that we can. David Douglas suggested that the Quarter prepare a letter offering a Committee of Support of 3 or 4 persons to be of service to the Mtg. in any way possible. There was momentary confusion as to whom the letter should be sent, but Ministry & Counsel felt 'easy' with a suggestion made by David Douglas that the message be sent to New Bedford Particular Meeting as that was Caleb's Meeting, with an additional courtesy copy

to be sent to New Bedford Monthly Meeting Friends were in agreement with this suggestion and the following four (4) Ministry & Counsel members were named to this Committee of Support:

Frances Howland David Douglas
Ruth Martocci Dee Stanley

This committee will stand ready to represent us all in our sincere concern to be of short or long-term assistance to Spring St and/or New Bedford Monthly Meeting(s). Everyone present was agreed that it was essential that we be tender and not overbearing in our eagerness to help fill the void created by Caleb's death. Ministry and Counsel also recommended that the Quarter send a minute of Sympathy and Support to Jeannette (Smith). Ministry and Counsel further recommended to Quarterly Meeting that volunteers be asked to attend First Day worship at Spring St. Mtg. for the indefinite future.

Before proceeding to our preparation of the Quarter's State of Society report, Doris read aloud a brief entry entitled, "Ministry and Counsel Will Listen", which is published in the Wellesley Monthly Meeting newsletter from time to time. It was suggested by Doris that the names and telephone numbers of Ministry & Counsel members within a given Meeting be posted and/or

published in Mtg newsletters. Doris also announced that a Friends Retreat on "Wholeness and Holiness", sponsored by New England Yearly Mtg Ministry & Counsel and Providence Monthly Mtg, would be held May 16th to 18th at the Aldersgate Retreat Center in Scituate, Rhode Island.

On another matter, Herbert Stevens asked for a Travelling Minute from the Quarter endorsing his visitation with his concern for further dialogue on the issue of Science and Religion. Ministry & Counsel approved his request and so recommended to the Quarter.

As an aid to us in preparing to draw up this year's Quarterly State of Society report, several of the State of Society reports from our constituent mtgs received by the Quarter were read aloud. Before settling down to the task before us, considerable discussion ensued regarding (1) the purpose of a Quarterly State of Society report, (2) what it should contain and (3) how we could best accomplish the writing of it.

Following this discussion, a majority of the Friends who were in attendance voiced varying opinions as to the 'state' of the Quarterly society as it was perceived by them. Opinions ranged from "Attendance is very poor" to that of "I sense a revitalization of the

Quarter". Several Ministry and Counsel members spoke to the fact that our Meetings for Worship each Quarterly Mtg. are increasingly "gathered". Regretfully, a goodly number of those present spoke to their disappointment that there were so few new faces or families present at Quarterly Junctions. By way of response, Herbert Stevens said that he would be very willing, during his travels throughout the Quarter, to speak with friends in our constituent Meetings, about the opportunities that Quarterly Mtg. offers its participants for worship, fellowship, etc.

Due to the lateness of the hour, a Committee of four, headed by the Ministry and Counsel Clerk, was appointed to prepare a Quarterly State of Society Report for the afternoon business session.

Meeting closed with a period of worship, following which we adjourned to enjoy the warm hospitality offered us by Swansea friends, purposing to meet Seventh month next at New Bedford, God willing.

Mary Sullivan, Recording Clerk

Sandwich Quaterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, in session, 7th Month, 19th, 1980 at New Bedford.

Doris Ashley, Clerk, opened the meeting with a reading from London Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice regarding the cultivation of our 'inner lives'. Representatives were reported present from all meetings excepting Sandwich and Swansea. As Jeannette Smith was present, Doris asked her how the Committee of Support and the visits of Quaterly Friends to Spring St. First Day Worship was working out. Seemingly, it has worked very well and it was suggested by the Clerk that Ministry and Counsel recommend to Quaterly Business Session that this arrangement continue for the foreseeable future. Jim Toothacre suggested that Ministry and Counsel members bring along a friend or two when joining New Bedford Friends for First Day Worship. Friends thought that these two suggestions were good ones and endorsed them both.

There was no Old Business as such but in light of the fact that Phase I of a nation wide draft registration was to take place from July 21st through 25th (1980) Tricia Sittig from Allen's Neck asked how constituent Meetings of the Quarter were going to publicly witness to the Peace Testimony during the following week. Sylvia Bigelow from Marion Mtg. spoke to the issue by telling us that Marion Friends would be witnessing outside Marion's

post office the entire week and she also urged Friends to request from their local post-master a free pamphlet published by the government giving answers to common questions about the impending draft registration.

Jim Toothacre asked if it might be a good idea for Quaterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel to encourage our Constituent Ministry & Counsel Committees and/or our Monthly Meetings to examine their feelings about the draft in light of the Peace Testimony and if possible, to prepare a statement regarding this issue. Jeannette Smith cautioned us not to be dogmatic and Friends agreed that since the draft issue may be a potentially devisive one in some meetings, (that) we should word our minute in such a way that we would prompt understanding rather than controvery.

In that context, the following two minutes were prepared, approved and forwared to the afternoon Quaterly business session.

Minute One: Sandwich Quarterly Mtg. of Ministry and Counsel encourages each Meeting in the Quarter to examine, in light of our Peace Testimony, the issues of registration and the draft, and to develop.

if possible - a statement to be circulated at least to its own membership.

Minute Two: Ministry and Counsel suggests that each of its constituent Meeting be aware of the availability of draft counseling.

Following the approval of these minutes, the Clerk then distributed the revised Ministry and Counsel queries sent to us from Gordon Browne, Clerk of the NEYM Faith and Practice Revision Committee, dated January 20, 1980. For the purposes of discussion, each member in attendance was also given a copy of the 1966 NEYM Ministry and Counsel Queries.

Don Stanley spoke to the fact that Dartmouth Monthly Meeting feels very strongly that NEYM Faith and Practice was (and is) in no need of revision and our Clerk noted that the issue of Faith and Practice revision is indeed a subject of dialogue throughout Yearly Meeting. There was considerable discussion about this issue and from the discussion, a Third Minute surfaced. It read:

Minute Three: Ministry and Counsel recommends to its constituent Meetings that the 1980 Queries be discussed and used throughout this year and that criticisms

or further revisions be forwarded to the NEYM Faith and Practice Revision Committee.

Due to the lateness of the hour, it was not possible to pursue any further discussion regarding these queries, but Friends agreed that they would like to take up this matter again at a forthcoming Ministry and Counsel session. The Clerk reminded Friends that it was important for each meeting in the Quarter to appoint someone to one or more of the following NEYM Committees: (1) Peace & Social Concerns, (2) Ministry and Counsel, (3) Finance and (4) Nominating. She also noted that if a representative per se was not possible, then Friends should nominate a corresponding member to each of these Committees.

Meeting closed with a period of worship, following which we adjourned to enjoy the hospitality of New Bedford Friends, purposing to meet tenth months next at Sandwich, God willing.

Mary Sullivan, Recording Clerk